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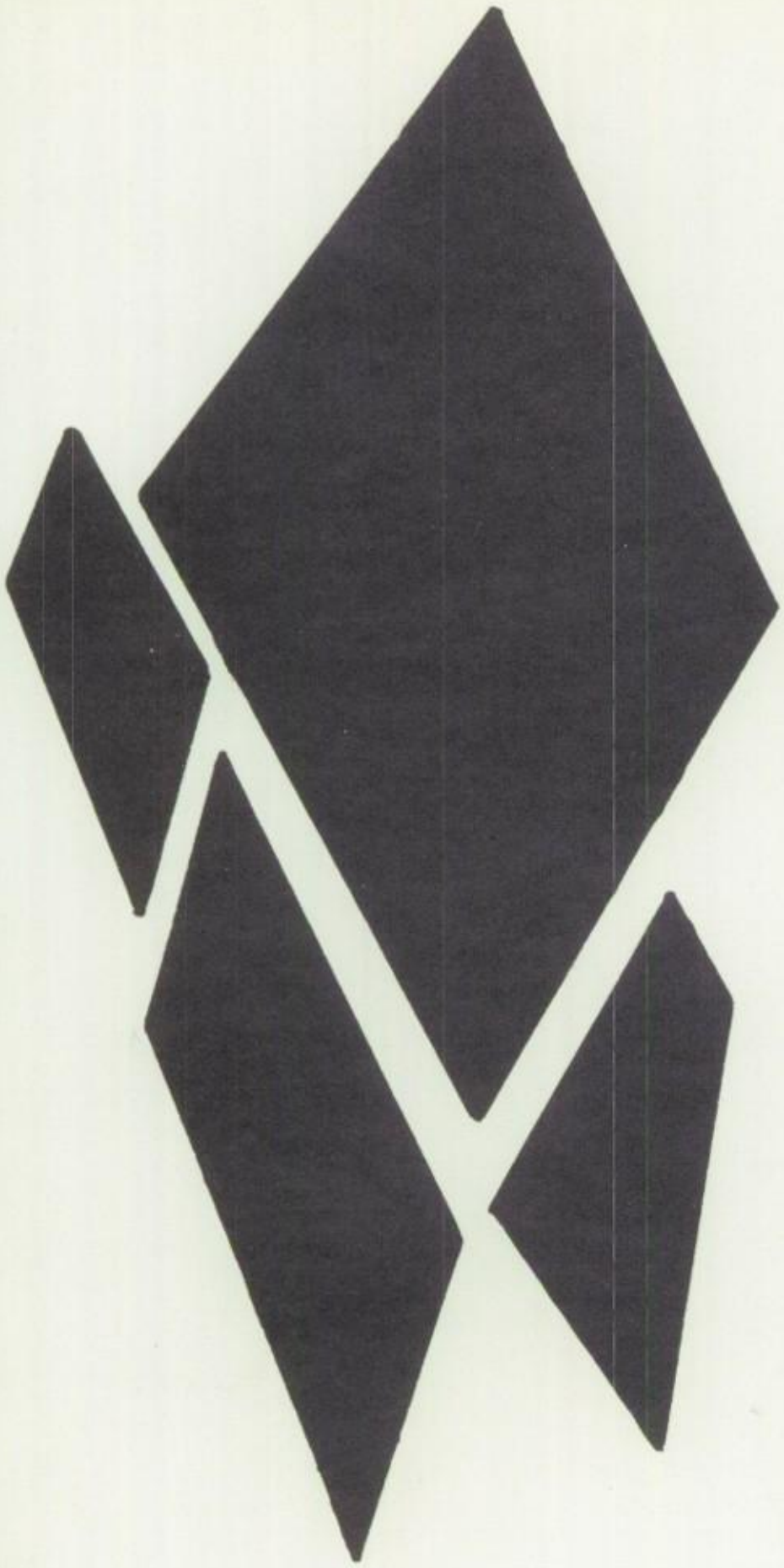


1961 Electron

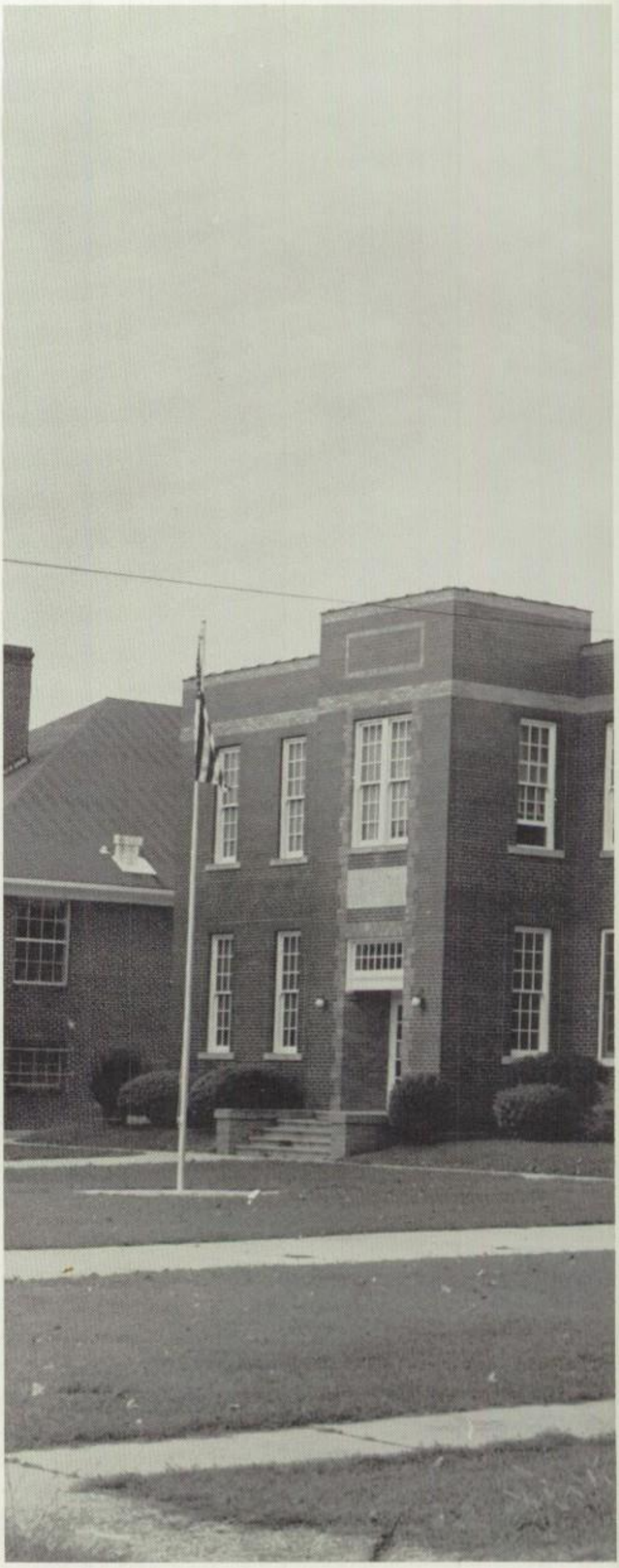
Riverton High School

Riverton, Kansas

Volume XXXI

Building for

Building for the future
is a wonderful experience.
You never stop building,
and how you build your life is
largely up to you.
All adolescents want to know
how to grow in mind, in body, in spirit;
you want to know what obligations
you have to yourself and to society.
This is why you are attending
Riverton High School.
Riverton, too, has been growing—
more classrooms, added teachers, and
new courses, all to help you
personally, socially, and emotionally
for life in an ever changing world.
Yes, the 1960-61 school year has been
a period of building
for both the students and the school.



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the Future

TROOP 20 of Riverton raise the 50 star flag donated by U. S. Senator Frank Carlson.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER of the Masonic Lodge, John Murrary, gives introductory remarks at the laying of the cornerstone.

Fieldhouse Dedicated in the Summer;

RIVERTON'S SCHOOL SYSTEM proudly displays its newest building, the fieldhouse.

Its many doors are open to all students and people of the community.

UNDER THE DIRECTION of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, Ray McKinzie, Grand Master, takes charge of the ceremony.

FORMER BOARD PRESIDENT, Jim Wooten, places the cornerstone after the square, level, and plumb were presented to him.

Welcomes New Students in the Fall

Like the students, the Riverton School System is also building. The new fieldhouse is the most recent addition.

Excitement stirred the air as the announcement came that $290,000 had been secured through bonds to build a new fieldhouse. At last construction began on July 8, 1959, but the advancement seemed slow as the 1959-60 school year came to a close.

Finally the fieldhouse was completed, and it was dedicated on May 29, 1960, to Riverton High School students who gave their lives for their country.

In September, 1960, the fieldhouse was officially opened for classes and activities.

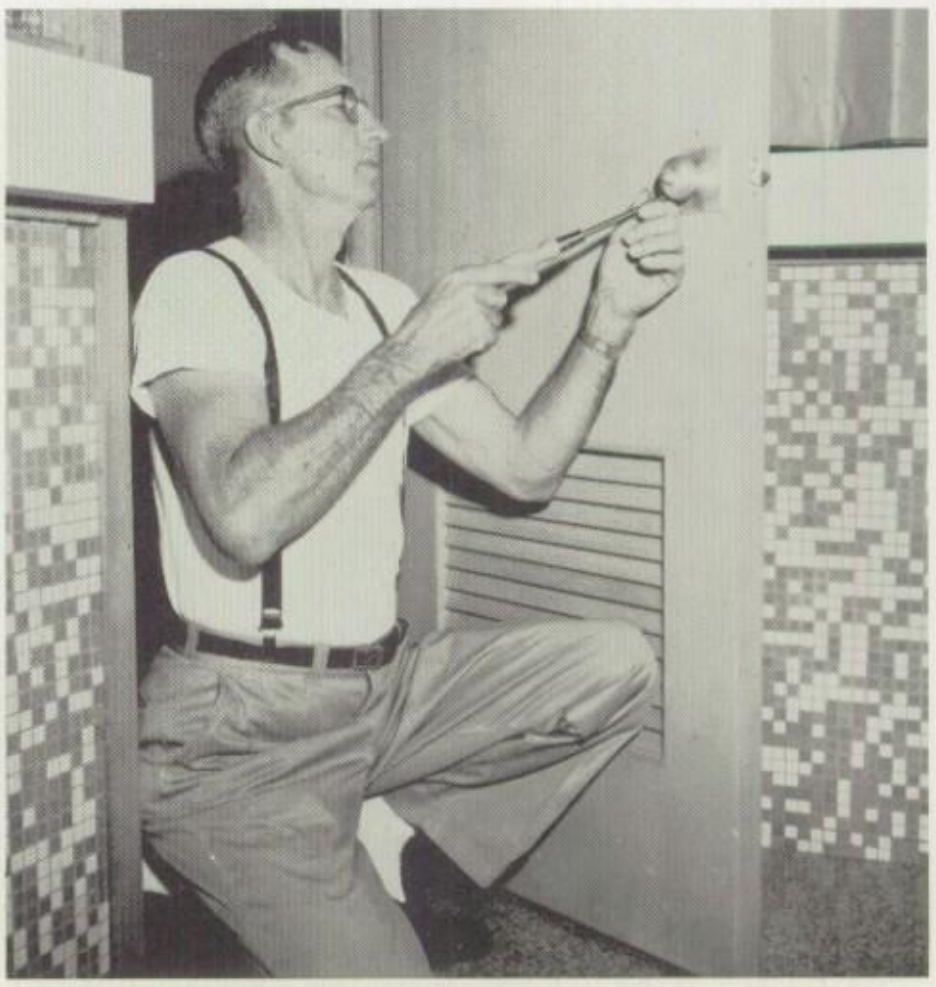
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS are given by Mr. Gerald Barkley at the American Education Week program.

"COME ON, BOYS, RAISE THAT SCORE," yell the cheerleaders as they watch the scoreboard.

Interior of Fieldhouse Displays Air of Dignity

READY AND WAITING with tiara and flowers, Bruce Arnold, crown bearer, and Karen Coyle, flower girl, prepare for the Electron Coronation.

CUSTODIAN, MIKE POTTER, tightens a screw in one of the many doors in the new fieldhouse.



Dedication

In each of our lives there must be proficient teachers. We feel that on the Riverton High School faculty there is such a teacher.

Because of her unending source of energy and buoyant personality, the annual staff dedicates the 1961 Electron, "Building For the Future," to Miss Mary Ann Talbot. She is a teacher who has put every effort and all interest into her work. Miss Talbot has been outstanding as a commercial teacher, junior and senior class sponsor, pep club sponsor, annual advisor, and a friend to every teacher and student at Riverton.

Miss Talbot is not only helpful, considerate, and friendly, but she is also intelligent and hardworking. She is always more than willing to help in any way she can. Running off tests for teachers or giving advice to students about their various problems are only minute portions of her activities.

Without a doubt, Miss Talbot has been an inspiration to everyone who knows her. Every student at R.H.S. is proud to have her as a part of his "Building For the Future."

MISS MARY ANN TALBOT

VERSATILE AND TALENTED, Miss Mary Ann Talbot proves her worth in the home by decorating this beautiful cake.

GOOD TIMES LAY AHEAD for Hugh Dobkins and Ted Rawlins, bus drivers, and Richard Kirk and Johnnie Simpson as they prepare to leave for Aggie Day at Tulsa.

WELDING, an important part of a farmer's life, is practiced by sophomore students, Johnny Murray and James Moore.

Students Learn Modern Day

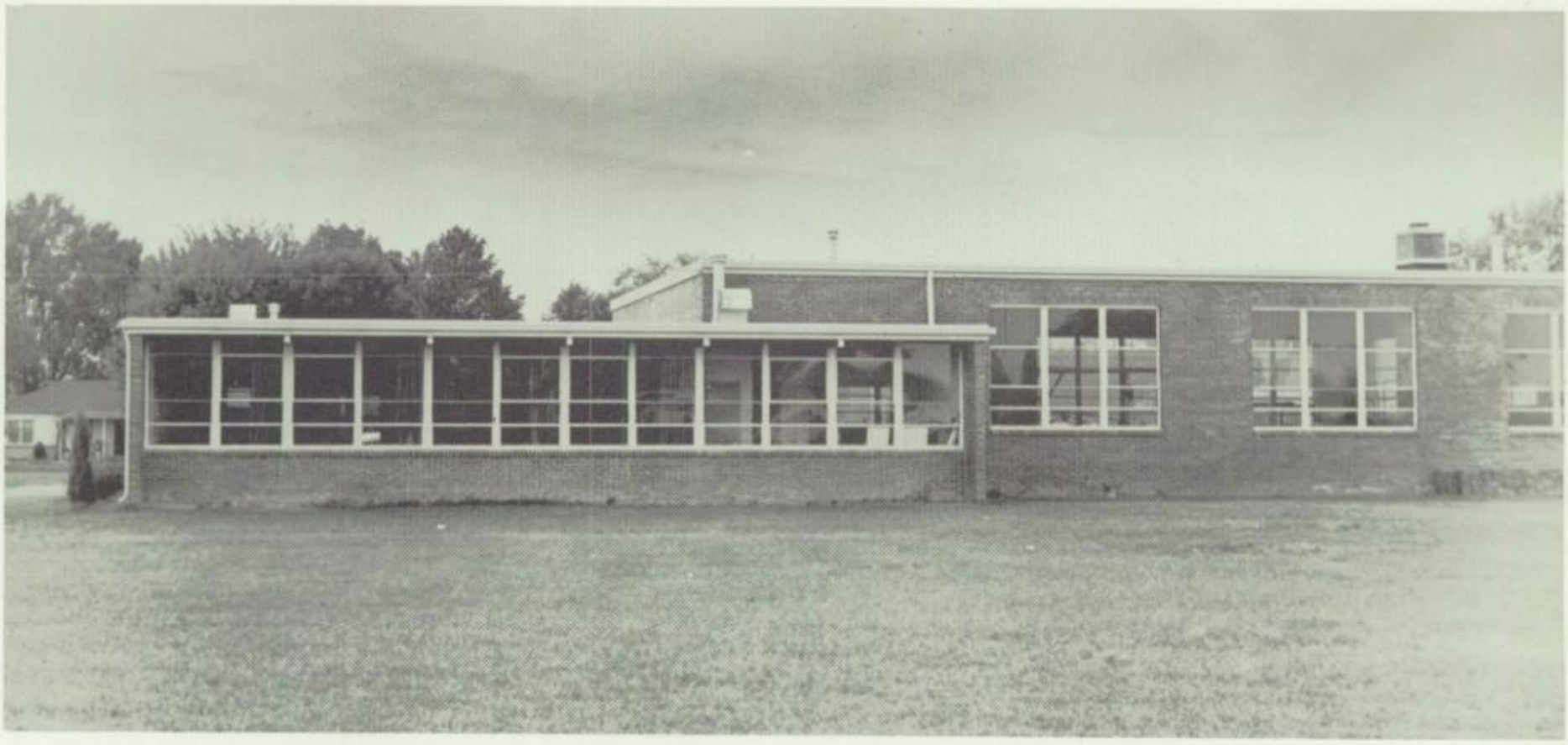
STUDY AND RECORD BOOKS keep Galen Marsh and Douglas Baysinger busy just before the first semester closes.

One of the newer buildings at Riverton High School is the vocational agriculture building. With a shop and classroom, the building was open to students in the fall of 1958 to aid the students as they learn new and modern methods of farm maintenance.

Vocational agriculture is a national federally-aided program of instruction in agriculture and farm mechanics. This program is operated under a plan of cooperation between the State Boards of Vocational Education and the Office of Education.

In the four year course, the boys learn many things to aid them with their farming. Land management, pest control, farm maintenance, and raising livestock and poultry are just a few of the important subjects covered in this program.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK
Baxter Springs, Kansas



ANOTHER RECENT ADDITION at Riverton High School is the vocational agriculture building which aids in the making of tomorrow's farmers.

Farming Techniques in Agriculture Classes

MACHINERY IN GOOD CONDITION is a must for Richard Karsten, senior vocational agriculture student.

DIFFERENT GRAINS are rated by members of the crops judging team, Richard Umphenour, Dennis Cates, and Danny Anderson, before they participate in state competition.

BAXTER STATE BANK
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Men Behind

EXAMINING PLANS for the fieldhouse gets complicated as Richard Scott, president of the board of education, makes last-minute changes.

DRINKING COFFEE relaxes one after a hard day's work according to Jim Wooten and Dale Kirk, board members.

FIGURES, FIGURES, FIGURES think Donald Karsten, clerk, and John Potter, treasurer, as they check the monthly expenditures.

SMILES WOULD BE EASY for William Wilson, secretary of the board, if he had all the checks prepared for the month.

F. F. PUNKE, INSURANCE
Baxter Springs, Kansas

the Building

MR. GERALD E. BARKLEY
B.S., Southwest Missouri State, M.S., Kansas State College
Superintendent

MR. WYATT LAUGHLIN
B.S., Southwest Missouri State
M.S., Kansas State College
Principal

School Administrators

Riverton can well be proud of its Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Gerald E. Barkley. Mr. Barkley has completed his eighth year as superintendent at Riverton, previous to which he served three years as elementary principal and eight years as a devoted science teacher. Mr. Barkley can be termed as a master builder.

Under the capable leadership of our principal, Mr. Wyatt Laughlin, Riverton High School has grown in size and in prestige each year. By praising us, defending us, and correcting us when we are wrong, Mr. Laughlin merits the respect of our student body.

ROOT MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Baxter Springs, Kansas

DARKNESS DESCENDS upon four freshmen as JoAnn Dyson prepares them for the sack race.

SHINING SENIORS' SHOES involves a lot of elbow grease according to Charles Paxson and Tommy Wooten.

Ramblers Interest Centered in

SELECTING BOOKS seems to be a pleasant experience for Edna Hale and Sharon Thornton.

On August 29, 1960, the doors of Riverton High School swung open to welcome 203 excited students. Freshmen awaited their initiation as the upperclassmen prepared to get in the full swing of activities.

All teachers were blessed with the honor of giving the students their grade cards throughout the school year. Some students took them in stride, others were speechless.

As the school year advanced, contests added to the tense atmosphere. The selection of the football, annual, and basketball queens only served to add to the excitement, not to mention the football and basketball games, two class plays, and the Junior-Senior Banquet.

In May, activities came to an end. Clubs closed books, students prepared for final exams, and teachers started trying to decide whether "Sam" would advance or fail. At last the day was here, "Sam" passed, the seniors had left on their trip, and the doors of R.H.S. swung shut setting the students free until they returned next fall.

SCHOOL SECRETARY, Ada Marie Larison, checks the weekly calendar.

SMILES SOON CHANGE to frowns as Harlen McDonald and Earlene Pliler doubtfully accept freshman tests from Mr. Barnett.

Assemblies, Classes, Initiation

GROWING BOYS need their food, too, Mr. Eldredge.

TAKING PICTURES is an important part of school life, proves Daphene Hopkins.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PICTURES
Bill Duckwall, Representative
Jackson, Mississippi

Safety Programs, Parties, and Grade

WITH GRINS, Peggy Mitchell and David Gaines wait anxiously while Highway Patrolmen Kliber and Pribbenow check their driver's licenses.

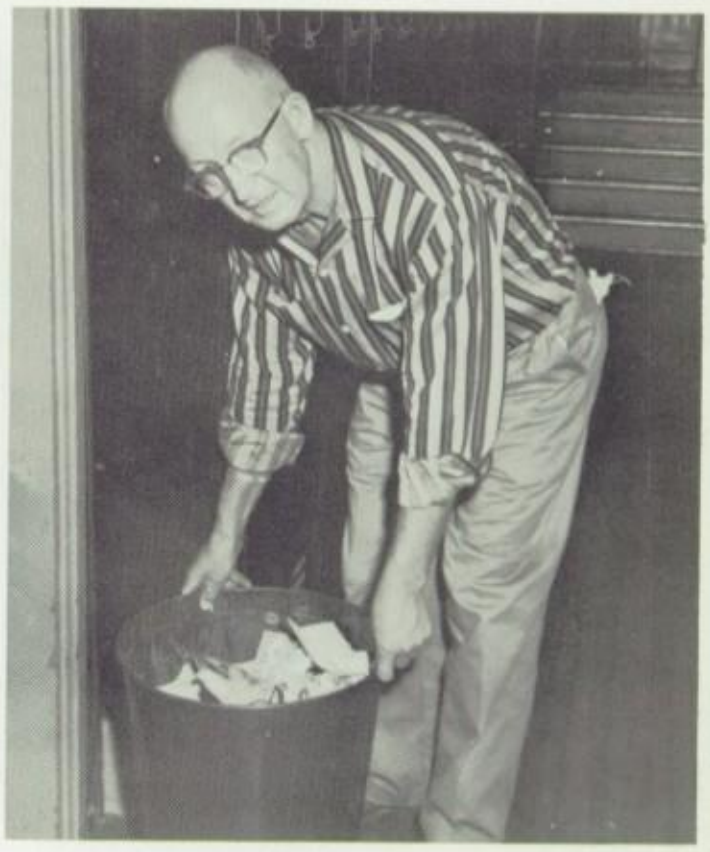
NO CURFEW at a slumber party for Sandra Gipson, Shirley Schrup, Cheryl Clark, and Neville McDonald.

EXCITEMENT puts nerves on edge for Keith Karsten, Beverly Carnahan, Jerry Snider, Richard Karsten, and Mary Ruth Berry as Bruce Arnold watches calmly.

PRESENTS AND PRETTY DRESSES still thrill freshman girls, Jean Barnett and Carol Swaim.

Cards Enliven Daily Schedules

WHO IS IN THE KITCHEN? School cooks, Leona May, Elsie Evans, Wanda Rowland, Opal Starina, Margaret Rogers, and Mary Grace Beatty, take time out to try a sample of their own wares.



"IT WAS EMPTY AN HOUR AGO," comments Art Berry, high school custodian, as he cleans up after the noon-hour rush.

WITH GRADUATION JUST AROUND THE CORNER, seniors, Byron Elsten, Robert Outt, Judy Cunningham, Marjorie Watson, and Danny Anderson, fearfully await final government grade cards from Mr. Shanks.

"OUCH, YOU STUCK ME!" Patty Patton tells Steven Shafer as he shows Mary Berry and Richard Karsten how well he can pin on a corsage.

SIGNING MEMORY BOOKS brings laughter from Diana Anderson and Wayne Bolin at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

End-of-Year Activities Mean Excitement for All

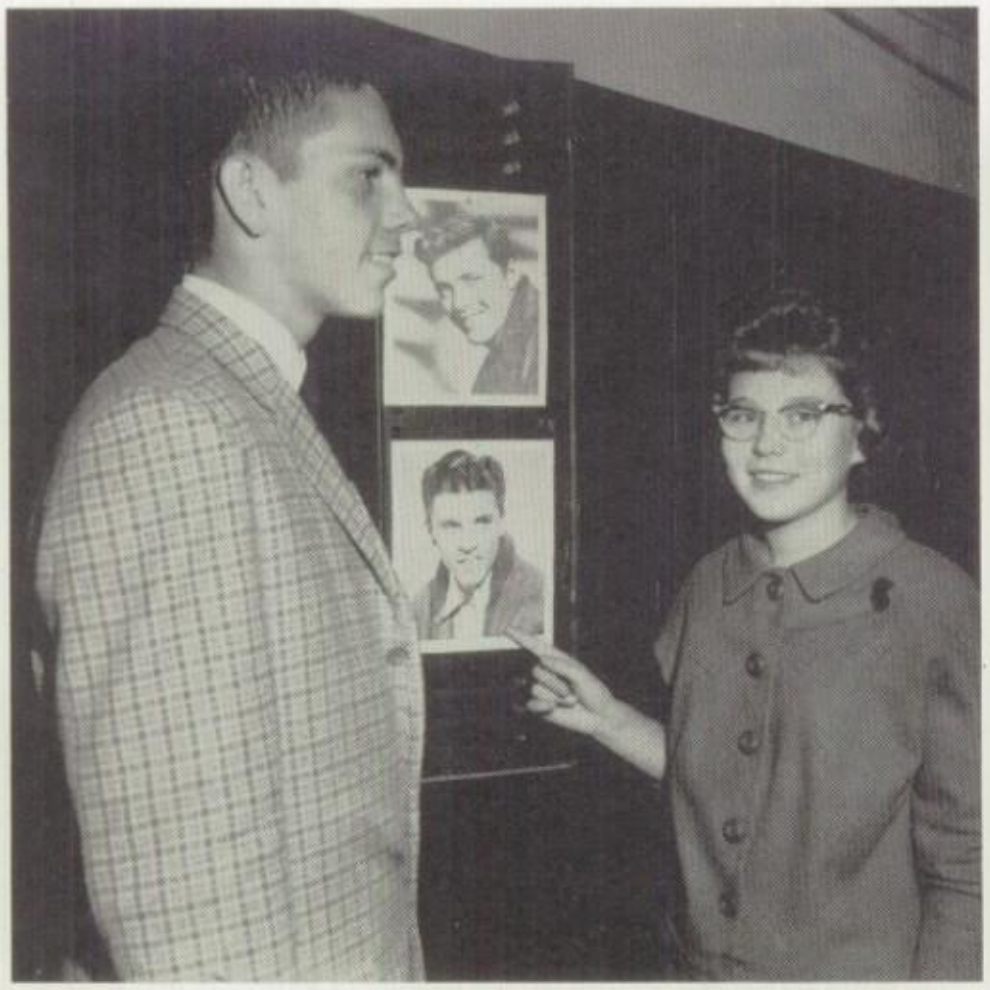
AFTER TWELVE YEARS of hard studying and little play, Danny Anderson, Dennis Cates, and Evelyn Newcomb show excitement about the close of school.

PACKING CAN BE FUN demonstrate Judy Hopkins and Sharon Hilton as they get ready for the senior trip to Colorado.

Activities

Nominating, acting, playing, singing,
competing—all of these things blend together
to make the school year more exciting.
Activities make building for the future
more enjoyable for one and all.

Senior Class



SELECTED BY THE STUDENT BODY, the winners of the most popular senior boy and girl contest, Dennis Cates and Joan Stark, smile warmly for the photographer.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Dennis Cates and Jean Roach were selected last spring by the faculty to represent the Riverton High School students at Boys' and Girls' State. Larry Pitts and Evelyn Newcomb were selected as alternates. Selection of these students were based on leadership, dependability, service, character, and scholarship. Riverton Grade School P.T.A. was the sponsoring unit.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Senior superlatives were selected by the faculty who based their selection on dependability, initiative, scholarship, personality, and service. Of course, no superlative is more important than another for it takes all these things to make a life truly successful.

BEST ALL AROUND
Evelyn Newcomb and Danny Anderson

PERSONALITY PLUS
Bud Booth and Janie Starina

BECK FLORAL
and WENE FUNERAL HOME
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Hall of Fame

KNOWING ADVENTURE LIES AHEAD at Boys' and Girls' State, Larry Pitts and Evelyn Newcomb, alternates, pose with Dennis Cates and Jean Roach, delegates, before they depart for an exciting week.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Dennis Cates and Jean Roach

FRIENDLIEST
JoAnn Dyson and Byron Elsten

BAXTER SPRINGS CITIZEN
and PRICE MOTOR COMPANY
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Football Team Selects

NOT AWARE that she would soon be crowned "Miss Touchdown," Terry Gilmore prepares to circle the football field.

Bright and early one morning the football team met to select "Miss Touchdown" and her attendants. Girls selected were: Terry Gilmore, freshman; Sue Cates, sophomore; Sandra Inman, junior; Sharon Hilton and Joan Stark, seniors. Finally as homecoming night arrived, five shiny convertibles entered the field carrying the "Miss Touchdown" candidates. After they had taken their place on the float, decorated by the Student Council and Pep Club, Dennis Cates, captain of the football team, crowned a most-surprised freshman candidate, Terry Gilmore, "Miss Touchdown."

HOMECOMING QUEEN ATTENDANTS, Joan Stark, Sue Cates, Sandra Inman, and Sharon Hilton, smile warmly after the exciting but scoreless game.

K-12 MEATS RETAIL AND WHOLESALE
Baxter Springs, Kansas

"Miss Touchdown" for 1960

Terry Gilmore

Freshman

FARMER'S CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
Baxter Springs and Columbus, Kansas

Royal Moments Meant Flowers,

HAPPY MOMENTS are in store for Beverly Carnahan and Keith Karsten, freshman attendants.

TRULY "Young at Heart" are the sophomore attendants, Sue Wittenmyer and Hence Sneed.

JUST A FEW MORE MINUTES! Junior attendants, Jim Holman and Judy Ficke, anxiously await the big moment.

Each class selected three couples to compete in the Electron contest. Annuals were sold for two weeks, and the candidates who had sold the most annuals represented their class in the final contest.

Members of the senior class squealed loudly when their candidates, Richard Karsten and Mary Ruth Berry, were announced King and Queen of the Electron. Their attendants were: Keith Karsten and Beverly Carnahan, freshmen; Hence Sneed and Sue Wittenmyer, sophomores; Jim Holman and Judy Ficke, juniors.

Decorated with leaves and bark fences, the stage keynoted the theme "Autumn Leaves" for the 1960-1961 yearbook coronation. This night will enter many Riverton students' diaries as a memorable evening.

L. C. BALFOUR COMPANY
John Rooney, Representative
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Formals, and Fun for Ramblers

Electron King and Queen

Richard Karsten and Mary Ruth Berry

Seniors

SPRING RIVER INN
and HARRELD OAKS BEAUTY SHOP
Riverton, Kansas

Answers to Any Basketball Boy's Dream –

NO POSING HERE. Queen and attendants smile happily as the big secret is revealed, FRONT ROW: Linda McPherson, sophomore candidate; Judy Hopkins, senior candidate; Carol Swaim, freshman candidate; BACK ROW: Carla Powell, basketball boy's candidate; and Janet Craig, junior candidate.

"LOVELY TO LOOK AT, delightful to know," Lisa Lynn Pitts waits to make her debut.

Excitement grew as everyone waited to see who would come through the gigantic blue paper basketball to be crowned 1961 Basketball Queen. Her highness, Judy Hopkins, ended the suspense as she faced her subjects, and Dennis Cates placed the tiara on her head.

Each class and the basketball team selected a candidate for the senior sponsored contest. Classmates worked hard selling chances on the stereophonic phonograph and making money in every imaginable way. Every penny counted as one vote for a candidate; after ten days, the girl who had the most votes was crowned queen at the Riverton-Erie game.

COLUMBUS STATE BANK
Columbus, Kansas

One Queen and Four Attendants

Judy Hopkins

Senior

DAIRY BELLE
Columbus, Kansas

Riverton Would Not Be the Same

This year the band invaded the new music room with every instrument from tuba to piccolo, from bass to snare drum echoing through the new field-house. Old members returned; new members joined. After weeks of hard practice, the band marched on the field under the direction of Mr. John A. Barnett.

Members selected to represent them were: Diana Anderson, president; Jim Holman, vice president; Larry King, secretary; JoAnn Dyson, treasurer; and Morton Livingston Jr., reporter.

A few of the many events the band participated in this year were: K.U. Band Day, K.S.C. Homecoming, as well as many Christmas parades in the district. Toward the end of the year, they entered the Spring Festival and returned with many high ratings.

FRONT ROW: Danny Cooper, Yvonne Lengquist, Myrna Abbott, Judy Ficke, Sue Cates, JoAnn Dyson, Eva Venturella, Gleneda Ellis, Carla Powell, Carmen Hall. SECOND ROW: Mary Berry, Neal Anderson, Felix Livingston,

RIVERTON'S DRUM MAJOR, Janie Starina, proudly leads the band with the assistance of four twirlers: Sandra Inman, Diana Anderson, Sandra Gipson, and Lesta Garber.

ROYAL CLEANERS AND HATTERS
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Without Its Renowned Band

Richard French, Ronnie Harley, Larry King, Sharon Scott, Herbert Wade, Mary Forson, Chris Shetley, Ann Mishler, Jean Barnett, Judy Hopkins. THIRD ROW: Melvin Hall, Jim Holman, Hence Sneed, Morton Livingston Jr., Charles Paxson, Marcia Lowther, Cheryl Clark, Carol Green, Shirley Schrup, Mr. John A. Barnett, Director.

OH, ISN'T SHE CUTE! The new mascot, Karen Coyle, helps Janie Starina lead Riverton's band.

SHEET MUSIC PRESENTS no problem for band officers. FIRST ROW: JoAnn Dyson and Diana Anderson. BACK ROW: Jim Holman, Larry King, and Morton Livingston Jr.

ERNIE WILLIAMSON MUSIC HOUSE
and NEWTON'S JEWELRY
Joplin, Missouri

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB—FRONT ROW: Peggy Mitchell, Eva Venturella, Gleneda Ellis, Yvonne Lengquist, Carla Powell, Judy Stark, Kerry von Wedell, Judy Ficke, Bobby Jo Berry, Beverly Carnahan, Judy Hopkins, Neville McDonald, Terry Gilmore, Carmen Hall. SECOND ROW: Judy McGeary, Janie Fancher, Carol Swaim, Clydene Worley, Elizabeth Pointer, Lesta Garber, Sharon Thornton, Sandra Inman, Sharon Scott, Mary Kay Livingston, Marcia Lowther, Mary Forson, Mary Ruth Berry, Myrna Abbott, Jo Ann Dyson, Gayle Ray, Janet Craig, Judy Cunningham, Norma Hayward, Jessetta Moore. THIRD ROW: Mary Pulley, Ann Mishler, Shirley Schrup, Judy Ellis, Kay McCracken, Carolyn McCracken, Sandra Gipson, Carol Green, Marcia Grimes, Janie Starina, Connie Wade, Marilyn Mason, Kathy Walkenshaw, Karen Sue Cates, Mary Mae McCallister, Gaye Jones, Cheryl Clark, Jean Roach, Patty Patton, Mrs. Avanelle Barnett, Director.

THREE IS A TRIO, not a crowd, in this case as Marilyn Mason, Marcia Grimes, and Margaret Mock pose.

Girls' Glee Club

Let's all sing for fun! Under the direction of Mrs. Avanelle Barnett, the Girls' Glee Club practiced many hours to achieve poise and talent. Any girl interested in singing may join the glee club, but it requires work to receive high ratings at the league and district music festivals.

BAXTER BOWL
and BRAND DRY GOODS COMPANY
Baxter Springs, Kansas

MUSIC FILLS THE AIR whenever the double quartet, FRONT ROW: Jean Barnett, Marilyn Mason, Marcia Grimes, Patty Patton; BACK ROW: Neal Anderson, Hence Sneed, Charles Paxson, and Richard Kirk, begin to sing.

Warblers Display Poise and Talent

GATHERED AROUND the piano for an old fashioned song, the members of the freshman triple trio, Carmen Hall, Terry Gilmore, Glenda Ellis, Sharon Scott, Theresa Roach, Kathy Walkenshaw, Jean Barnett, Cheryl Potter, and Eva Venturella, prepare to entertain.

EDDY-HARTLEY AGENCY
and McCARTNEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Flat Notes Are Rarely Heard From

BOYS' GLEE CLUB—FRONT ROW: Harlen McDonald, Neal Anderson, Michael Alleger, Richard Kirk, Ronald Harley, Danny Cooper. SECOND ROW: Melvin Hall, Felix Livingston, Tommy Wooten, Keith Rowland, Hence Sneed, Larry King, Chris Shetley. THIRD ROW: Charles Paxson, Frank Burris, Morton Livingston Jr., Douglas Baysinger, Steve Wade, Jim Holman, Joe Sturgis, David Gaines, Mr. John Barnett, Director.

MUSICAL TALENT is abundant at R.H.S. Another good example of this is the senior sextet, Sharon Thornton, Sandra Gipson, Marcia Grimes, Carol Green, Jean Roach, and Myrna Abbott.

CLAD IN THEIR SUNDAY BEST, members of the Madrigals, Janie Fancher, Lesta Garber, Patty Patton, Janie Starina, Mary Forson, Sandra Gipson, Sandra Inman, Karen Sue Cates, and Beverly Carnahan, prepare for the district music festival.

MEADOWLARK DAIRY SERVICE
Baxter Springs, Kansas

These Musicians

Boys' Glee Club

Being a member of the Boys' Glee Club gives boys an opportunity to sing as well as to receive training in the field of music. The boys are directed by Mr. John Barnett; they participate in several school activities and league events.

Lyrians

Music fills the air in the fieldhouse during the second hour on Friday, and occasionally on call, as the members of the Lyrians strive for perfection. Lyrians, a selected musical group from both the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, appeared in events during the year and the festivals in the spring.

SING, BOYS, SING! Neal Anderson, Charles Paxson, Hence Sneed, and Richard Kirk get ready to harmonize.

LYRIANS—FRONT ROW: Carmen Hall, Janie Fancher, Ann Mishler, Jean Barnett, Kathy Walkenshaw, Sandra Inman, Judy Cossairt, Carla Powell, Cheryl Potter, Neville McDonald, Bobby Jo Berry. SECOND ROW: Patty Patton, Terry Gilmore, Eva Venturella, Gleneda Ellis, Lesta Garber, Beverly Carnahan, Margaret Mock, Mary Forson, Jo Ann Dyson, Karen Sue Cates, Sharon Thornton, Marcia Lowther. THIRD ROW: Sandra Gipson, Marilyn Mason, Joan Stark, Carolyn McCracken, Marcia Grimes, Janie Starina, Carol Green, Jean Roach, Sharon Scott, Myrna Abbott, Mr. John Barnett, Director. FOURTH ROW: Neal Anderson, David Dobkins, Danny Cooper, Keith Rowland, Melvin Hall, Larry King, David Gaines, Jim Holman, Joe Sturgis, Hence Sneed, Morton Livingston Jr., Douglas Baysinger, Steve Wade, Charles Paxson, Tommy Wooten, Felix Livingston, Keith Karsten, Chris Shetley, Richard Kirk, Ronald Harley, Harlen McDonald.

BRUCE SWEET'S FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE AND GIFTS
and H. D. YOUNGMAN, INC.
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Creative Ideas and Hard Work Produce

THREE IS A CROWD except when Evelyn Newcomb, assistant editor; Jery Snider, editor; and Judy Hopkins, art editor, plan a page layout.

HUMPIN' TO PLEASE everyone is a big job for Judy Cunningham and Jean Roach, clubs and activities editors.

Regardless of what the event, there is always a member of the journalism class or annual staff ready to record the exact happenings in words and pictures. The story is then written and rewritten several times before the final copy is ready to meet the deadline. Events throughout the year are recorded in "The Rambler," the monthly school paper; and at the end of the year, old memories are brought back in the school yearbook, the "1961 Electron."

ANOTHER DEADLINE must be met as co-editors of "The Rambler," Betty Burnham and Evelyn Newcomb, look over the dummy.

"HOW CAN WE TAKE THIS PICTURE?" is a question being debated by sports editors, Bud Booth and Betty Burnham, while photographer, Dorcie Tash, gives his opinion.

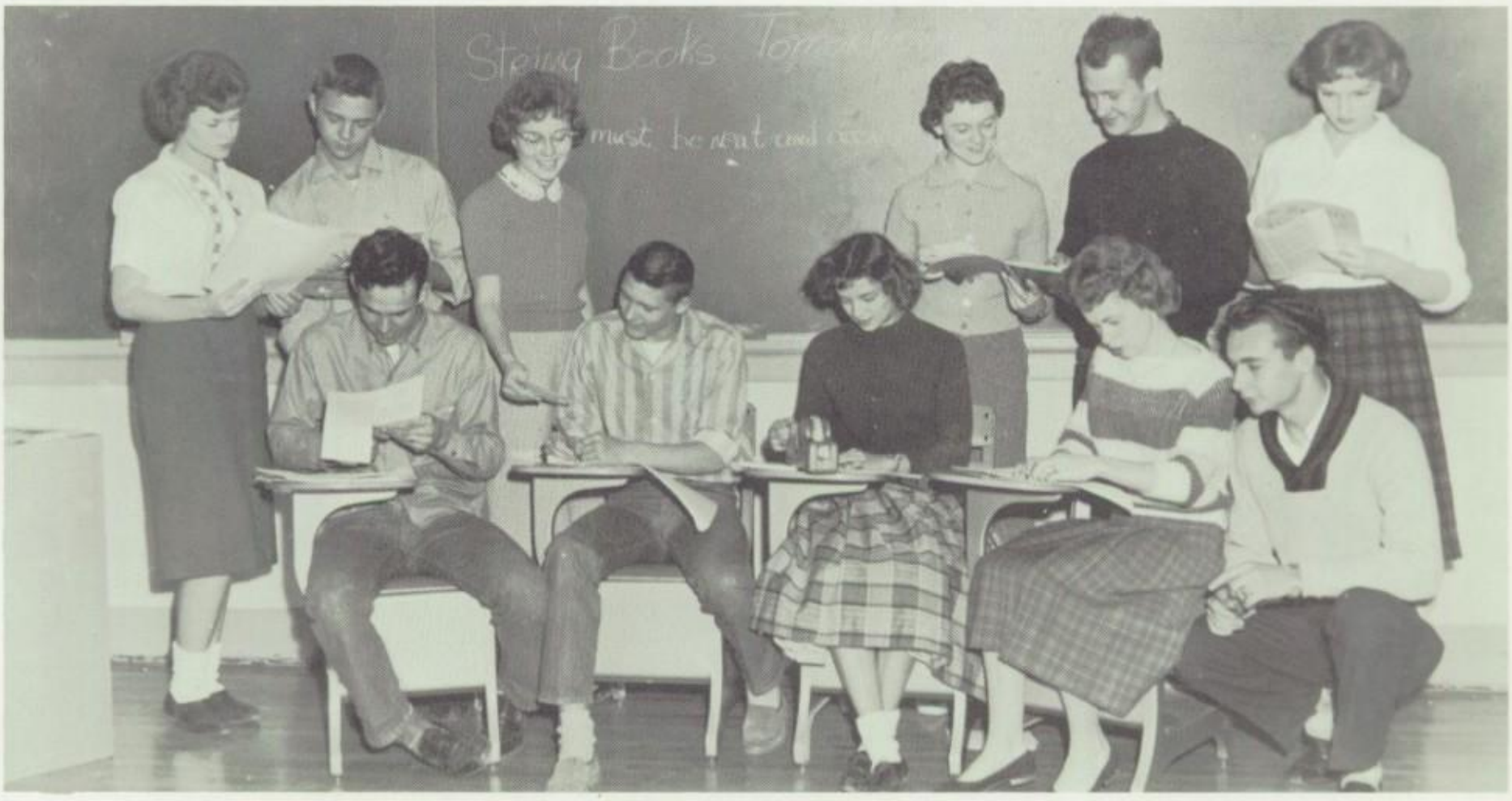
BALL'S LOCKERS
and RILEY GROCERY
Lowell, Kansas

Outstanding Publications

THANKFUL for another annual ad, Bobby Jo Berry, business manager, exchanges a receipt for money with Mrs. Lillian Mitchell.

PROBLEMS ARE IN STORE for the class editors, Sharon Hilton and Mary Read, and junior assistant, Martha Barr, 'as they prepare a class layout.

"STRING BOOKS TOMORROW" mean last-minute preparation for "The Rambler" staff. FRONT ROW: George Savage, Richard Umphenour, Marjorie Watson, JoAnn Dyson, and Larry Pitts. BACK ROW: Janie Starina, Larry Martin, Joan Stark, Mary Ruth Berry, Joe Sturgis, and Diana Anderson.



BOB PAGE AUTO SUPPLY
and MITCHELL'S FLOWERS
Baxter Springs and Riverton, Kansas

"CALL THE POLICE!" shouts Frank Burris to Carol Green as Jim Holman, Marilyn Mason, Allen McPherson, and Sandra Inman listen spellbound.

AT GUN POINT, Patty Patton, student director, and Pauline Casey help Morton Livingston Jr. learn his part.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS solve mysteries according to Carla Powell, Morton Livingston Jr., and Martha Barr.

Comedy, Mystery

"Stranger In The Night," a comedy-mystery in three acts, was the play chosen by the juniors for their class play. It was presented November 29, 1960, under the direction of Mrs. Avanelle Barnett. This was the first play presented on the spacious stage in the new fieldhouse.

CAST

Carla Powell	*Sylvia Lee*
Carol Green	*Mable Crane*
Jim Holman	*Grant Terry*
Allen McPherson	*Clifford Newkirk*
Marilyn Mason	*Velda Stevens*
Frank Burris	*J. T. Rutledge*
Bennie Haner	*Eddie Beach*
Sandra Inman	*Nona Pollard*
Morton Livingston Jr.	*Sam Fisk*
Martha Barr	*Rose Jordan*
Sandra Gipson	*Marcella Bender*
Pauline Casey	*Sandra King*
Gary Scott	*Off-stage Policeman*

AFTER A HARD FALL, Bennie Haner lays silent as Sandra Gipson lectures.

MILO CHEW DRUG
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Something new! Something different! The senior class play, "Mister Co-Ed," was presented in the middle of the gym floor as an arena play April 21, 1961. This was the second play to be presented in the fieldhouse, and the first class play to be directed by Mr. John Harry at Riverton.

Cedar Hill, a college for women, anxiously awaits the arrival of Lotus Smith. With her enrollment, they will receive a badly needed check for $100,000 from Mrs. Cobina Colgate-Brewster. When Lotus arrives, the college is set back on its heels because Lotus turns out to be a handsome, rugged cowboy. The unexpected visit of Mrs. Brewster ignites a chain of mad, wild deceptions which result in exposure. The play closes in nothing but a rollicking comedy with the help of a lovable old character named Homer.

WELL DISGUISED and ready to go, Dennis Cates prepares to do a ballet dance in a scene from "Mister Co-Ed."

Productions Add Variety to Routine

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE makes a funny play even funnier according to the senior play cast, STANDING: Richard Umphenour (Oliver Lee Oliver), Dennis Cates (Lotus Smith), Mr. John Harry, Director; Jerry Snider (Gilbert Glyer), Danny Anderson (Homer Quackenbush). SEATED: Jean Roach (Eustacia Hayworth), Sharon Hilton (Mrs. Cobina Colgate-Brewster), Judy Cunningham (Bernice Bramberry), Janie Starina (Miss Pauline Pooley), Jo Ann Dyson (Miss Geraldine Carr), Joan Stark (Emily Manning), and Bobby Jo Berry (Ruby Nolan). Diana Anderson (Carol Wood) was not present when the picture was taken.

POETRY is far from being old fashioned when read by Sandra Gipson.

BEWILDERED Jean Roach looks on while Jerry Snider and Shirley Schrup get acquainted in the contest play, "Mind-Set."

Dramatics Open Door to Student Talent

Acting is an art often employed at R.H.S. During the year, many plays were presented to the student body; the context varied from comedy to drama.

Students entered the Speech and Drama Festival in the spring held at Pittsburg. Each student beamed with pride as he came home with a high score for Riverton

WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE, sophomores rehearse the skits they presented to start raising money for their senior trip.

DREAMING OF BETTER THINGS, Cheryl Clark pauses to sniff a rose as Myra Brown and Janie Fancher keep on working in a scene from "Ladies of the Mop."

JR. SHIRA GARAGE
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Organizations

Joining, participating, planning, co-operating,
succeeding—this is the framework
for all of our organizations.
But each organization lays its own foundation,
a foundation on which we build memories,
memories for the future.

Leaders of Tomorrow

Democracy is built at Riverton High School through the Student Council. Procedures of voting are practiced when the student body elects the representatives and officers for the year. Each class selects delegates while the representatives at large and officers are elected by popular vote.

Worthwhile projects sponsored by the Student Council under the supervision of Mr. John Barnett, sponsor, were: helping with homecoming activities, an all-school skating party, baskets of food for needy families at Christmas, and Religious Emphasis Week. Twirp Week and presenting citizen-of-the-month awards brought a close to the year's events.

"I DO SOLEMNLY PLEDGE" repeat Danny Anderson, president; Jean Roach, vice president; and Lesta Garber, secretary-treasurer, as Mr. John Barnett leads them in their oath of office.

ALWAYS ON THE GO, Steven Shafer, Melvin Hall, Cheryl Potter, Gary Wilson, and Dennis Cates pause on their way to a very important meeting.

GOOD PLANNING makes the difference agree Jerry Snider, Karen Sue Cates, Jean Barnett, and Morton Livingston Jr.

DISTRICT conference meeting starts off on the wrong foot for Carmen Hall, Larry Pitts, Jim Holman, and Herbert Wade as they wait for other members of the group.

MITCHELL SINCLAIR SERVICE
and C & S DRIVE IN
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Learn Their Part Today

READING, SPEAKING, OR ACTING? Thespian members try to decide in which field of the dramatic arts their talents lie.

Talent, dramatic background, and an interest in supervised dramatic productions are required of Thespian members. Students belonging to the Thespians were given opportunities to demonstrate their talent in the school's religious assemblies and in the one-act play presented in the spring. Mrs. Alma Klose, sponsor of Troupe 1886, aided the group in all of their activities.

BEST THESPIAN AWARD for first semester is presented to Jerry Snider by Mrs. Alma Klose.

HARMON HARDWARE
and LOUIS PRICE AND SONS DEPARTMENT STORE
Baxter Springs, Kansas

AND AWAY WE GO to another ball game. Rain or shine, the girls of the Pep Club are always there backing the team with cheers.

Pep Club Turns Loose Stored-Up Energy

PROBLEMS COME in threes for Ada Marie Larison as Pep Club officers: Judy Hopkins, president; Judy Cossairt, vice president; and Joan Stark, secretary-treasurer, try to cash twenty dollar bills.

SHAKERS are easy to sell at basketball games for Pep Club members, Judy Ficke and Carmen Hall.

ED'S IGA THRIFTWAY
and LERNER BROTHERS MANUFACTURING
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Bouncing with energy, members of the Pep Club attended pep assemblies and yelled enthusiastically at all the ball games. One of the main purposes of the Pep Club is to encourage the team and inspire the student body before and during the game. Equally energetic were the six cheerleaders decked out in short blue pleated skirts, gold sweaters, and knee-length socks.

Pep Club officers with the assistance of the sponsors, Miss Mary Sue Creason and Miss Mary Ann Talbot, planned the many activities in which the Pep Club participated during the year. These activities included decorating the "Miss Touchdown" float, selling shakers at the ball games, and sponsoring busses to the out-of-town games.

MASCULINE BRAWN possessed by Wayne Bolin comes to the aid of Bobby Jo Berry as they put the finishing touches on the homecoming float.

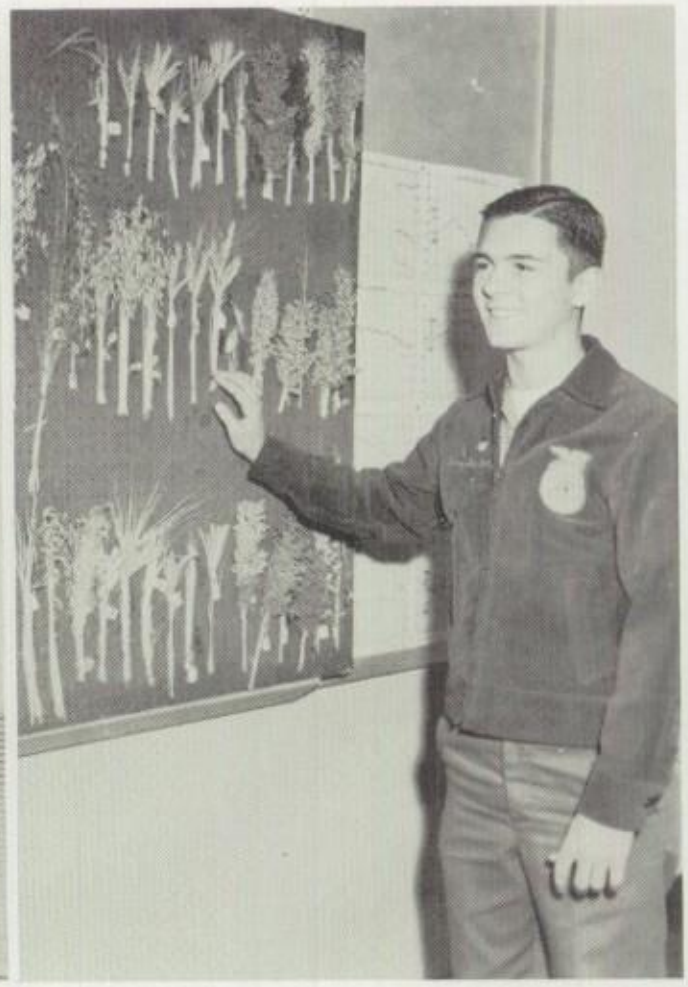
With Bolt of School Spirit

LET'S GO, RAMBLERS! Sparkling with enthusiasm at all the games were the cheerleaders, KNEELING: Jean Barnett; STANDING: Sharon Scott, Joan Stark, Marilyn Mason, Karen Sue Cates, and Lesta Garber.

MEIER MOTORS
and WAYNE MOORE PLUMBING
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,

F.F.A. SPONSOR, Mr. Gilbert Arnold, congratulates the members of Riverton's judging team, FRONT ROW: Larry Pitts, Bud Booth, Danny Anderson. BACK ROW: Morton Livingston Jr., Danny Tennis, and Dennis Cates, for placing second in the informative contest in the southeastern Kansas district.



KANSAS GRAINS are easily identified and judged by Larry Martin, ninth place winner in state competition.

KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW HOW abound in the F.F.A. as second place winner in crops judging, Byron Elsten, keeps in practice by examining some grain sorghum.

Riverton's Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was developed to give boys an understanding of agricultural techniques and farm maintenance. This program helps those boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture learn the importance of group co-operation and good moral character.

Members of the organization sold soft drinks at noon and at all ball games to earn money for the end-of-the-year trip. Also, they participated in district judging contests and went on to win further honors at the state contest in Manhattan.

HARTLEY BUICK COMPANY
and THE KANSAS STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Earning to Live, Living to Serve

PRESERVING ORDER and parliamentary procedure, the F.F.A. officers: Danny Tennis, reporter; Byron Elsten, vice president; Danny Anderson, president; Dennis Cates, secretary; Larry Pitts, treasurer; and Morton Livingston Jr., sentinel, preside at all F.F.A. meetings.

READY for a long trip, the members of the F.F.A. prepare to board the bus as the long-awaited day of the trip arrives at last.

GLEN HAMM
Columbus, Kansas

WEILDING A GAVEL and recording the district records, keeps Jean Roach, chapter president and District V secretary, busy throughout the year.

Members of the Future Homemakers of America learn many important things through programs and club activities that help them make homemaking a successful career. The F.H.A. furnishes girls with actual experience in homemaking.

Hobo Day, selling school pennants, selling candy at football games and at noon, plus sponsoring a Cutest Pam and Ugliest Man Contest—the F.H.A. girls did all of these and completed a very satisfactory year.

Girls Prepare for Role of Homemaker

SOCIAL LIFE involves many activities for members of the F.H.A. Chapter at Riverton.

KIRK'S FOOD CENTER
and WILCOX IMPLEMENT COMPANY
Columbus, Kansas

PROUD AND HAPPY, the new F.H.A. officers: Margaret Mock, treasurer; Myrna Abbott, song leader; Marilyn Mason, historian; Jean Roach, president; Carolyn McCracken, vice president; Martha Barr, reporter; Karen Prather, retiring president; Pauline Casey, secretary; and Judy Cunningham, guide, pose immediately following their installation.

Through Club Participation

MONEY, MONEY EVERYWHERE! F.H.A. girls, Mary Pulley and Carol Swaim, count the money made from the day's candy sale.

WHO WILL WIN? Pauline Casey and Miss Mary Sue Creason draw attention to the sign advertising the F.H.A. sponsored Cutest Pam and Ugliest Man Contest.

D-X SUNRAY OIL COMPANY
W. O. Hale and Son
Columbus, Kansas

Busy Hands and Working Minds Fill

BOOK, ANYONE? This is one of the questions sometimes asked by any one of the library assistants who belong to the Library Club.

Library Club

Noon luncheons, district library trips, and weekly workshops kept members of the Library Club on their toes during the year. With the assistance of Mrs. Alma Klose, sponsor, they kept the library in good order for all R.H.S. students.

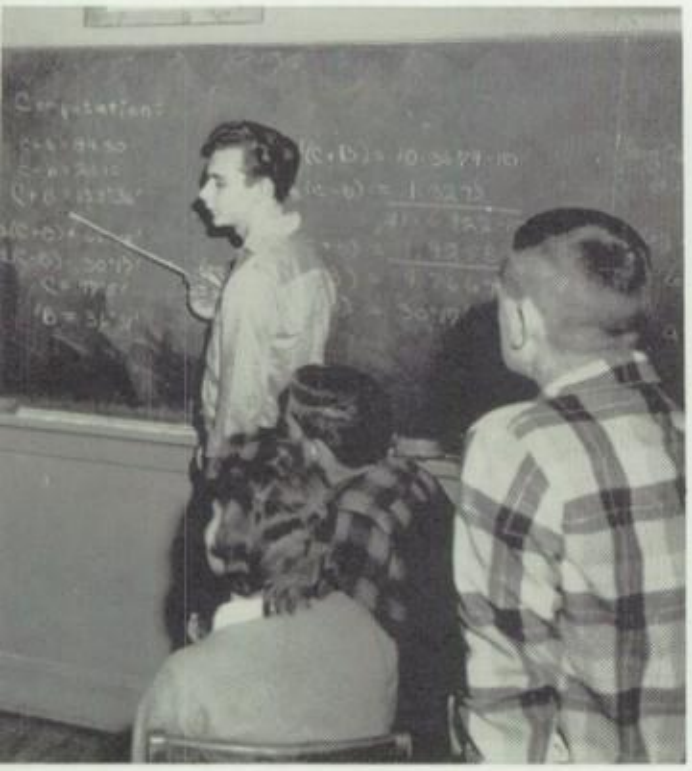
Public Relations Committee

Getting the facts, writing the story, rewriting the story, taking pictures, and presenting the information to the public all add together to make a good public relations program. Each class was represented on the committee, under the direction of Mr. John Harry, to help cover all events in the area.

GOOD PICTURES equal good public relations for the school. Members of the committee pause to admire a colorful bulletin board depicting highlights of the school year.

FARMERS' UNION, INC.
and COLUMBUS IMPLEMENT COMPANY
Columbus, Kansas

Year With Many Exciting Projects



BIG PROBLEMS, like this one, frequently kept the Math Club busy for hours.

BEWARE, a bull is in the crowd! Martha Barr adds finishing touches to her papier-mache bull while other members kibitz.

Math Club

Think! Think! Think! Mathematics is easy if you know the method. Although a small club, the Math Club spent sessions learning short cuts in solving problems and how to manipulate the slide rule. Mr. John Harry was the sponsor.

Spanish Club

Señor Eldredge and eight girls made up the Spanish Club for the current year. Learning parliamentary procedures in Spanish, attending Servants Day at Lawrence, and keeping the foreign language room in a typical environment, all blended together to provide a full, well-rounded program for the members of the club.

LISTEN, Mrs. Stout, an apple a day keeps bad grades away.

Future Teachers of America

Activities ranging from selling hot dogs at noon in order to raise state and national dues to practice teaching in the elementary school made the year interesting for members of the F.T.A. Meetings were held every two weeks under the direction of Mrs. Wynona Stout to plan coming events.

DEAKINS-MAXWELL MOTORS, INC.
and LAIZURE BUILDING SUPPLIES
Columbus, Kansas

FLOWERED HATS are the latest fashions for spring and are much admired by Bobby Jo Berry.

SURPRISE!

Varied Interests Are Explored By Young Misses

YOUNG MISS CLUB advisor gives bridal advice to the remainder of Riverton's Board members, FRONT ROW: Patty Patton, Linda McPherson, Marcia Lowther. BACK ROW: Martha Barr, Gleneda Ellis, and Miss Mary Williams.

"HURRY! It is freezing cold out here," say Carmen Hall and Jean Roach as they pause in front of Macy's window for the camera's eye.

Sports

Practicing, fighting, cheering, losing,
winning—one and all balance our lives
and develop in us a sense of fair play.
They all make up the thrills and disappointments
of building physical skills
and better sportsmanship for future use.

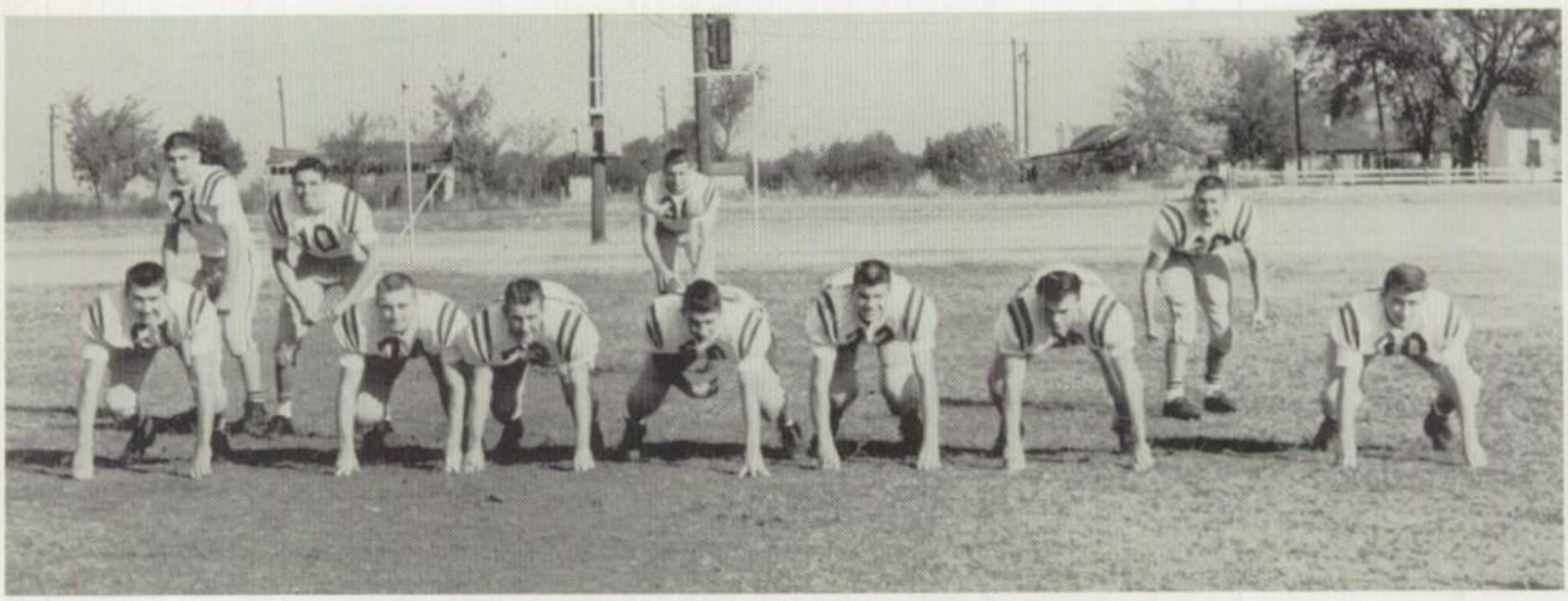
Ramblers Display

Thirty-six boys practiced and fought hard throughout the 1960 football season. Riverton placed fourth in the league with three wins, six losses, and one tie. Sportsmanship was keenly displayed by every player.

Two dependable men, Mr. John Davis, returning coach, and Mr. John Sparkman, new assistant coach, combined their talents to improve the team and build greater strength for next year. To these two men and all the members of the team, the students say, "Thanks for a well fought and exciting football season!"

RAMBLERS' VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD—FIRST ROW: Michael Alleger, Neal Anderson, Danny Cooper, David Dobkins, Keith Karsten, Jim Watkins, Mike Sumpter, Richard French, Creed Robinson, Steve Wade. SECOND ROW: Loy Dean Steven Shafer. BACK ROW: Charles Rogers, Dennis Cates, Allen McPherson, Richard Umphenour.

DETERMINATION WINS the game according to this offensive lineup. FRONT ROW: Danny Tennis, Morton Livingston Jr., Joe Sturgis, Danny Anderson, Bennie Haner, Bud Booth,



FARMERS' UNION
and LOUIE'S GROCERY
Crestline, Kansas, and Columbus, Kansas

Keen Sportsmanship

Ball, Ronnie Harley, Keith Rowland, Richard Umphenour, Danny Anderson, Larry King, Melvin Hall, Tommy Wooten, Gary Scott, Bill Youngblood, Richard Kirk. THIRD ROW: Coach John Davis, Bennie Haner, Bud Booth, Joe Sturgis, Jim Holman, Steven Shafer, Hence Sneed, Frank Burris, Charles Rogers, Allen McPherson, Morton Livingston Jr., Dennis Cates, Danny Tennis, Assistant Coach John Sparkman.

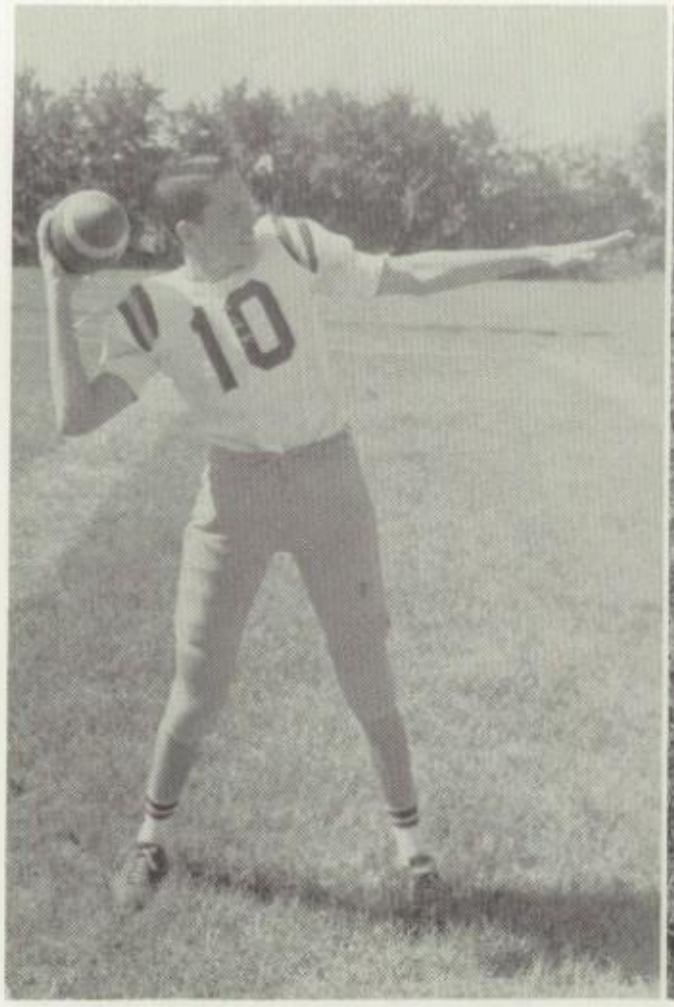
SOMEWHERE A RIVERTON PLAYER must be on the bottom at the Riverton-Galena game.

TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP helped the Ramblers keep Girard from scoring in the homecoming game.

THE WALBERTS AND TIMBERLAKE HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY
and CHEROKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION, INC.
Columbus, Kansas

1960 Scoreboard

RHS		OPPONENT
7	Cherokee	2
0	Erie	20
6	Baxter	32
7	Arma	41
13	Frontenac	32
32	McCune	13
44	Carl Junction	6
0	Girard	0
0	Galena	19



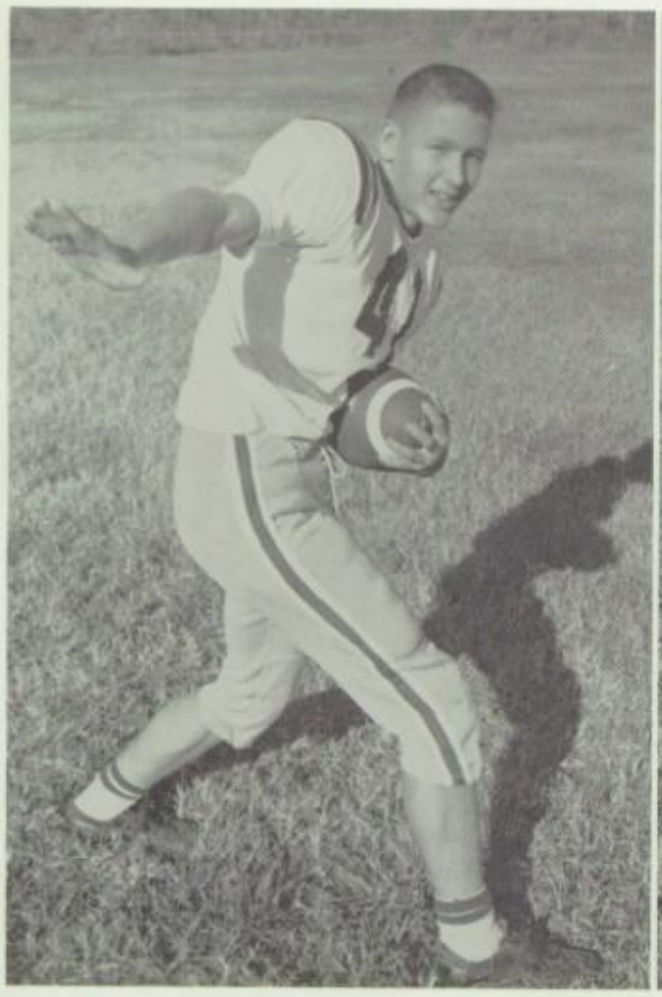
DENNIS CATES
Halfback
Captain

DANNY ANDERSON
Center

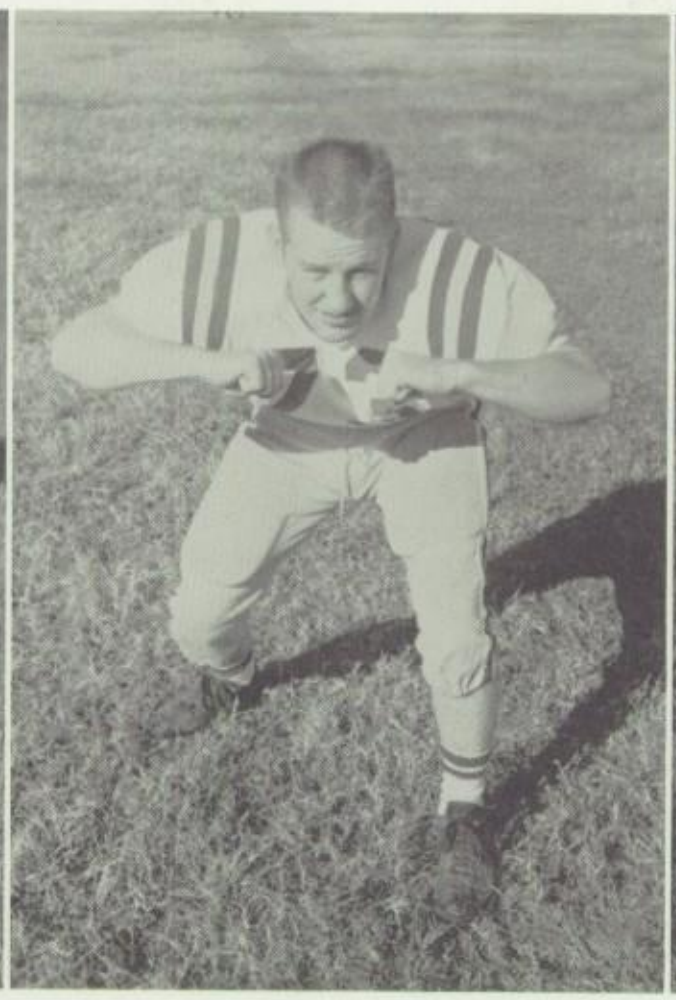
Five Senior Players Check

"POSITION OF TACKLE has to be a lot stronger in the next football game," warns Coach Davis at an afternoon session.

WIMER TIRE SERVICE
Joplin, Missouri



RICHARD UMPHENOUR
Halfback



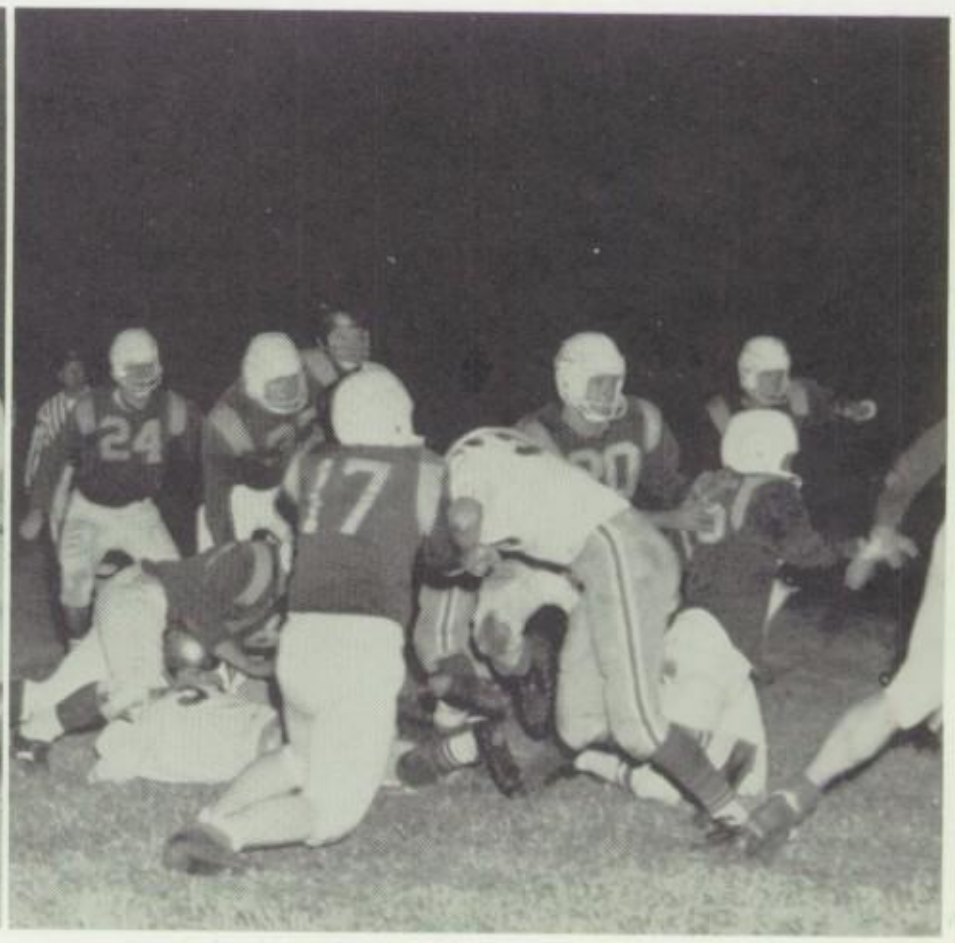
JOE STURGIS
Tackle

BUD BOOTH
Fullback

in Suits After Final Game

"HELP! HELP! These guys are pushing," exclaims Richard Umphenour.

EVEN THE C.I.A. does not know what is going on at the Riverton-Girard game.



OWEN'S SPORTING GOODS
and PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
Joplin, Missouri, and Pittsburg, Kansas

Ramblers Cage Team Chalks Up Four Wins,

A AND B BASKETBALL TEAM—KNEELING: Neal Anderson, Felix Livingston, Charles Paxson, Hence Sneed, Coach John Sparkman, Coach John Davis, Bennie Haner, Tommy Wooten, Larry King, Richard Kirk. STANDING: Steven Shafer, Charles Rogers, Morton Livingston Jr., Gary Wilson, Danny Tennis, Allen McPherson, Richard Alsenz, Danny Anderson, Melvin Hall, Richard Umphenour.

"GET IN THERE and fight . . ." Coach Davis briefs the A team during a close game.

'60-'61 Scoreboard

RIVERTON			OPPONENT	
B	A		A	B
29	57	Baxter	64	34
30	44	College High	29	40
28	35	Frontenac	51	38
34	46	McCune	48	36
44	49	Cherokee	44	32
30	49	Erie	53	40
40	35	Girard	43	46
38	55	Arma	56	51
	45	Cee Cee Tournament Frontenac	56	
30	45	College High	37	37
35	60	Frontenac	79	50
36	65	McCune	48	35
47	44	Cherokee	57	50
37	52	Erie	58	46
39	48	Galena	56	50
30	62	Girard	70	59
37	58	Arma	59	46

JOPLIN COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
and BOWLUS SCHOOL SUPPLY
Joplin, Missouri and Pittsburg, Kansas

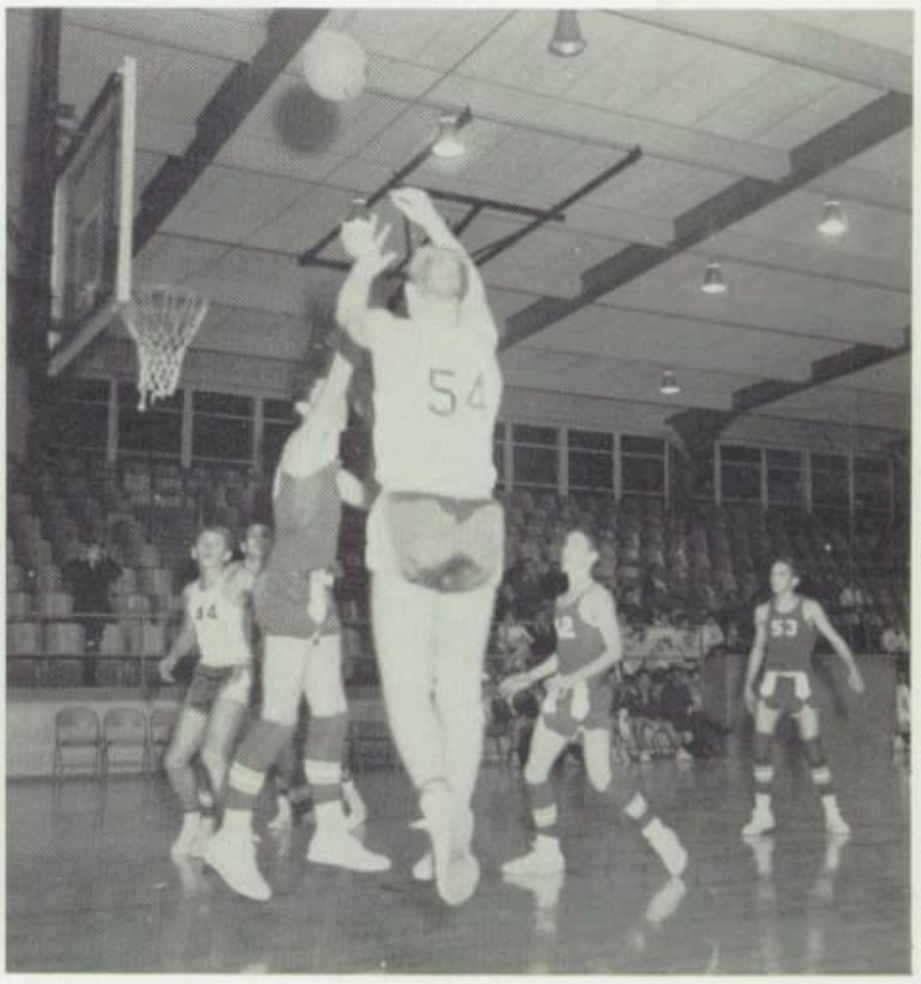
Thirteen Losses for '60-'61

Basketball season went; the team had been the first to play on the court of the new fieldhouse, and they had hosted the district tournament in February. Ramblers' hardwood stars placed sixth in the Cee Cee League. At the close of the last game, four seniors checked in their suits for the last time and bid high school basketball a demure farewell.

WE DID IT again! Gary Wilson (30) racks up two more points for the team.

OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMING Judy Hopkins 1961 Basketball Queen, Dennis Cates places the crown on her head as the attendants watch expectantly.

HIGH, WIDE, AND HANDSOME—Morton Livingston Jr. (54) tries his luck in a league test.



BY STRETCHING, Danny Tennis (44) reaches high to give Riverton the ball.

ANOTHER POINT for Riverton from the free throw line as Erie gets ready to rebound.

PROSPECTS look good as Charles Rogers shoots for a basket in the Riverton-Galena game.

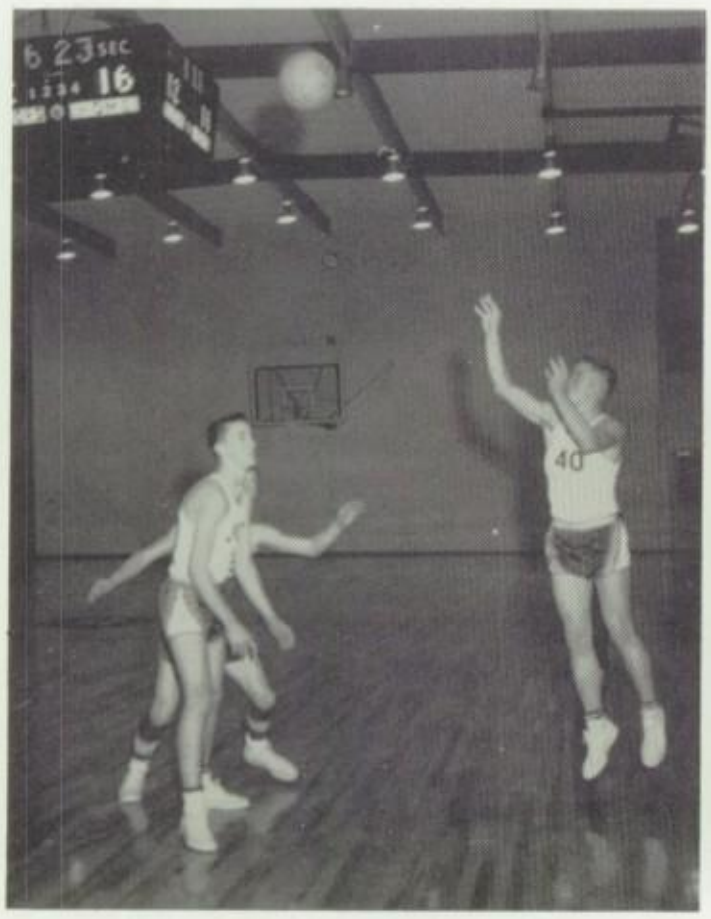
OTHER PLAYERS WONDER where the ball went while Steven Shafer (33) and Gary Wilson (45) cha cha cha.

AS THE WHISTLE BLOWS, Ramblers are off to a fighting start against the Galena Bulldogs as Center Danny Tennis (41) jumps to hit the ball to one of his teammates.

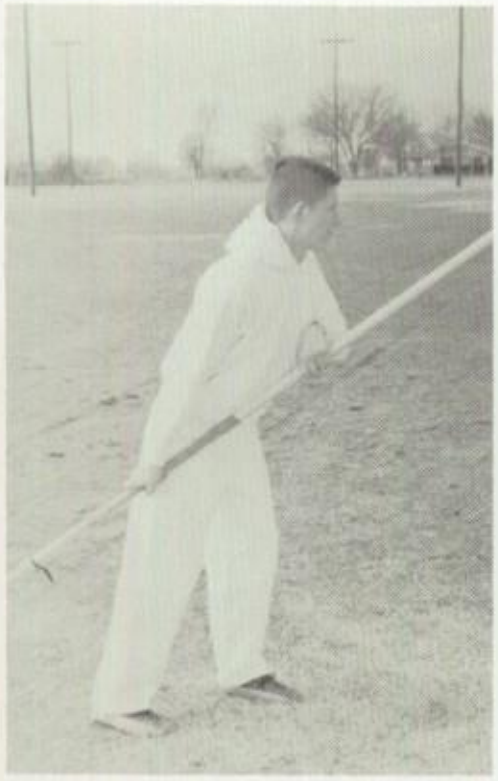
WHO took the ball?

Tough Games Were Played Hard By Big Blues

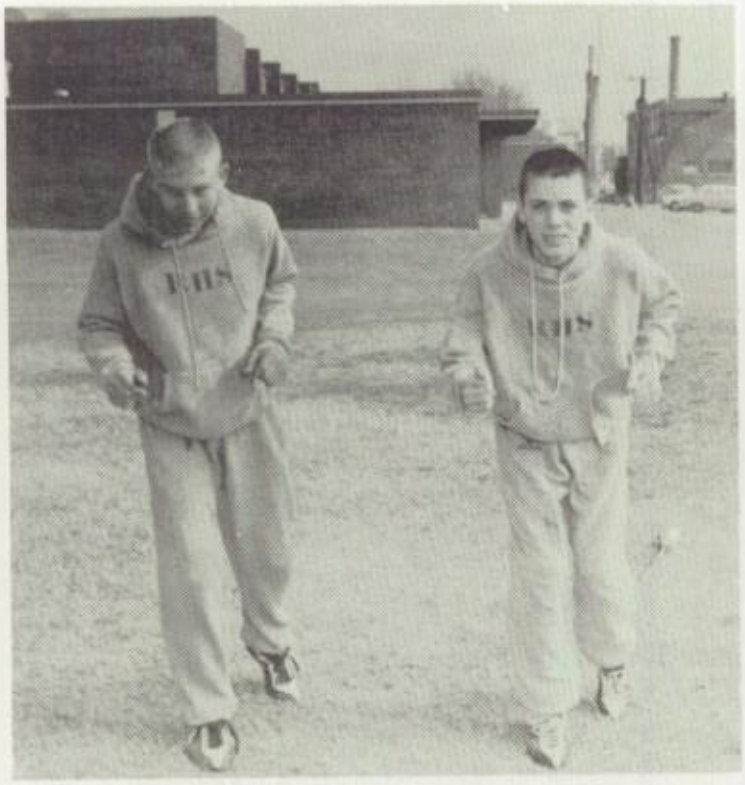
LONG SHOT Steven Shafer sends the ball to its destination.



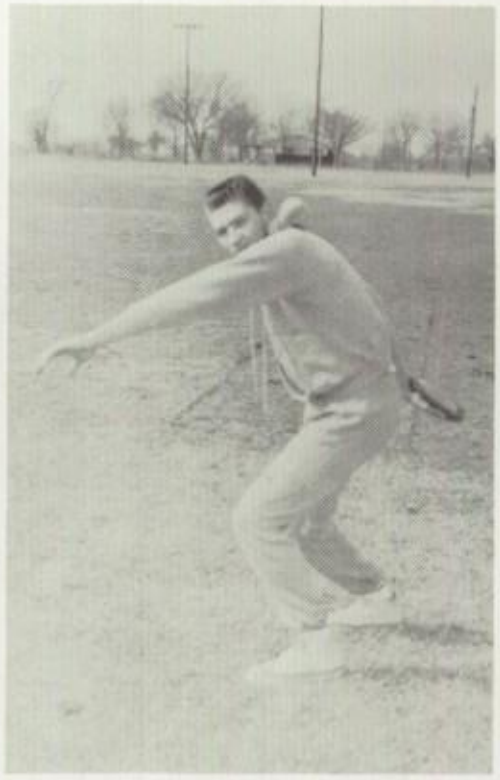
MEN BEHIND the scene keep the records straight and the audience well informed.



UP AND OVER, Melvin Hall makes ready for the pole vault.



TEN LAPS TO GO for Danny Eiland and Felix Livingston as they circle the football field.



ROMAN GLADIATORS BEWARE when Danny Tennis prepares to heave the discus.

Treks Around the Track Take Time

Riverton's cindermen displayed physical fitness everywhere they appeared. Coaches, Mr. John Davis and Mr. John Sparkman, encouraged the boys and helped them receive high ratings at all the area track meets.

IT IS HARDER than you think for Morton Livingston Jr. to throw the awkward javelin.

FIVE FEET HIGH AND RISING, Richard Alsenz gets in position for the high jump.

END OF SEASON brings the agony of checking in track suits for Billy Youngblood and Loy Dean Ball.

Departments

Counciling, aiming, studying, learning,
passing—students and teachers
join with these to form our departments.
It is in these departments students set
their goals for tomorrow.

English and Speech

Writing themes, making speeches, and putting out the school paper, "The Rambler," are all a part of our English Department. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to take English; but the seniors have a choice among English, speech, and journalism.

English students compose poetry, enlarge their vocabulary, write business letters, and learn to better appreciate literature. Journalism students put to use the English they have learned as they write editorials, features, and news stories for the school paper. Speech students put on plays, give pantomimes, and find pertinent information for debates.

In all sections of this department, the students learn to better use and appreciate the English language. English serves to help each and every student build for the future.

MRS. ALMA S. KLOSE
A.B., Ohio Wesleyan University
M.A., Duke University
Library, Journalism
Sophomore Class, Thespians, and Library Club Sponsor

MRS. AVANELLE BARNETT
B.S., Southwest Missouri State
English II, III, IV, Girls' Glee Club
Junior Class Sponsor

MRS. WYNONA STOUT
B.S., East Central State College
English I, Speech
Sophomore Class and F.T.A. Sponsor

GALENA DRUG STORE
Galena, Kansas

Sharpen Art of Communication

RUSH TIME comes just before the bell as these junior students hurry to finish their short stories in English.

SEARCHING FOR REFERENCES for a term paper, Larry King, a typical junior, thumbs through the card catalog.

ORIGINAL PANTOMIMES become realistic in speech class for Janie Fancher, Jerry Snider, Jean Roach, and Owen Forshey.

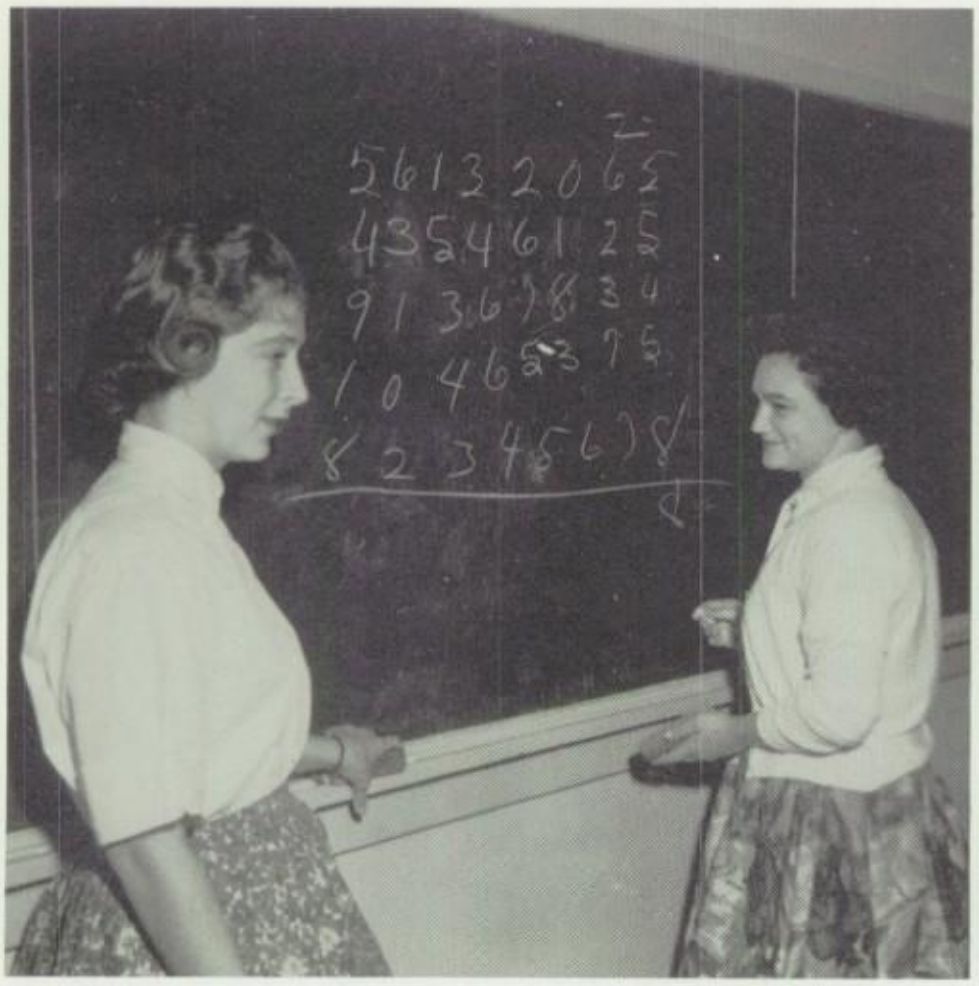
GALENA SENTINEL TIMES
and ROBESON LUMBER COMPANY
Galena, Kansas

MR. JOHN SPARKMAN
B.S., Northeastern State College
General Science, Biology, Chemistry,
Physics, Assistant Coach
Freshman Class Sponsor

Suddenly Satellites Soar Into

HYDROGEN OR OXYGEN? Freddie Tillis, Patty Patton, Danny Rawlins, Peggy Canny, Bill Youngblood, and Marilyn Mason run some tests to determine which gas the bottle contains.

DR. RICHARD J. JOSEPH
and SCHWARTZ DRUG STORE
Galena, Kansas



ADDITION IS EASY? General math students, Carol Delmont and Shirley Smith, do not agree.

MR. JOHN HARRY
A.B., M.S., Kansas State College
General Math, Algebra I and II,
Geometry, Trigonometry, College Algebra
Senior Class and Math Club Sponsor

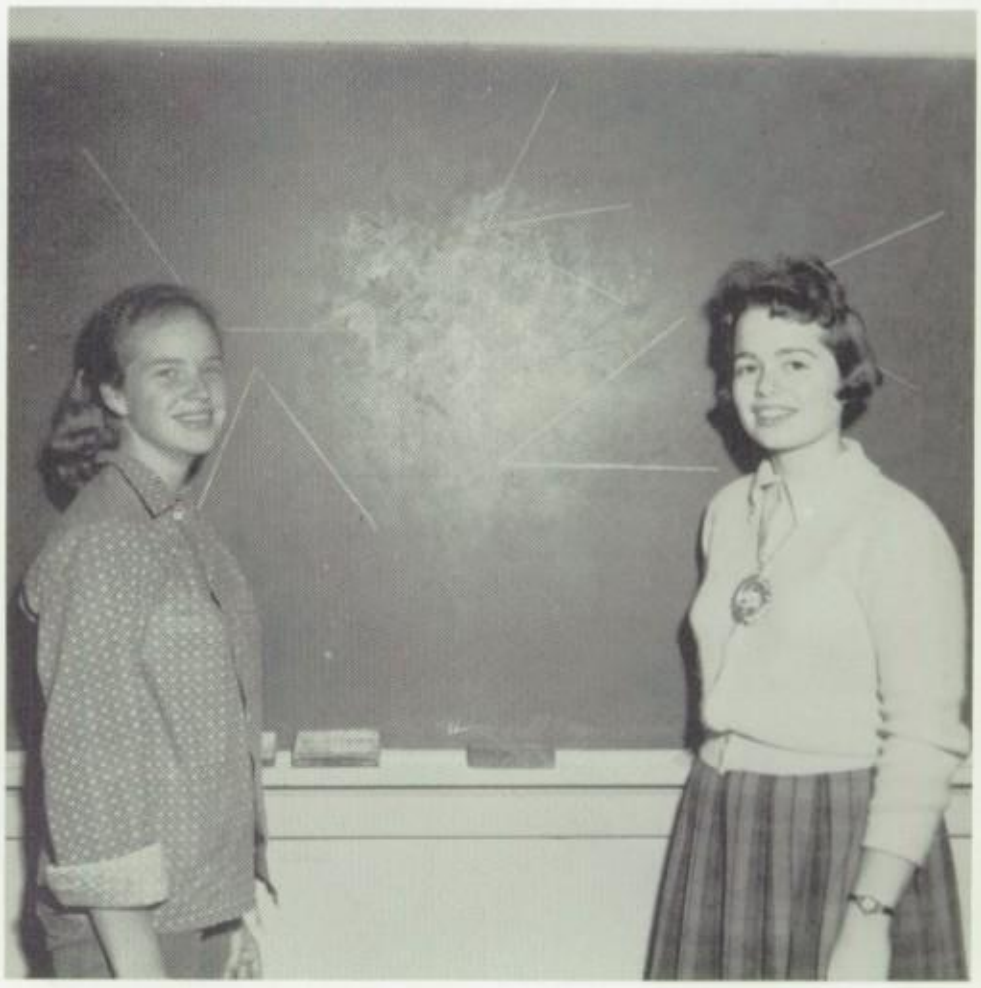
Mathematics and Science

Equations, formulas, and experiments are all common sights to students in the mathematics and science departments. These departments work together toward an important goal.

Two units of mathematics are required to graduate, but five courses are offered. Courses range from general math to trigonometry and college algebra.

Students wanting to gain more scientific knowledge work diligently as they dissect frogs in biology, combine chemicals in chemistry, perform experiments in physics, and gain a variety of knowledge in general science. Only one unit of laboratory science is required for graduation, but four units are offered to give Riverton students a better understanding of the scientific world of today.

GIRLS KNOW all the angles according to geometry students, Sandra Inman and Patty Patton.



CITIZEN'S STATE BANK
Galena, Kansas

MR. GILBERT L. ARNOLD
B.S., M.S., Oklahoma State University
Vocational Agriculture
Sophomore Class and F.F.A. Sponsor

"STAND STILL!" warns Pauline Casey as she helps Betty Burnham fit her suit. Barbara Lewis and

Sewing, Sawing, and Sowing Are All Pursued by Future Vocationists

MISS MARY SUE CREASON
B.S., Kansas State College
Vocational Home Economics
Junior Class, F.H.A., and Pep Club Sponsor

All of the vocational subjects teach students to work with their hands as well as their minds. Vocational subjects are open to all students.

Vocational agriculture gives the boys experience in using the many methods of farming in modern-day life. Boys enrolled in these classes are constantly improving these methods and developing better ones of their own.

Home economics offer the girls training in cooking, sewing, home improvement, first aid, child care, and social graces. All girls enrolled in home economics are required to complete one home project each semester.

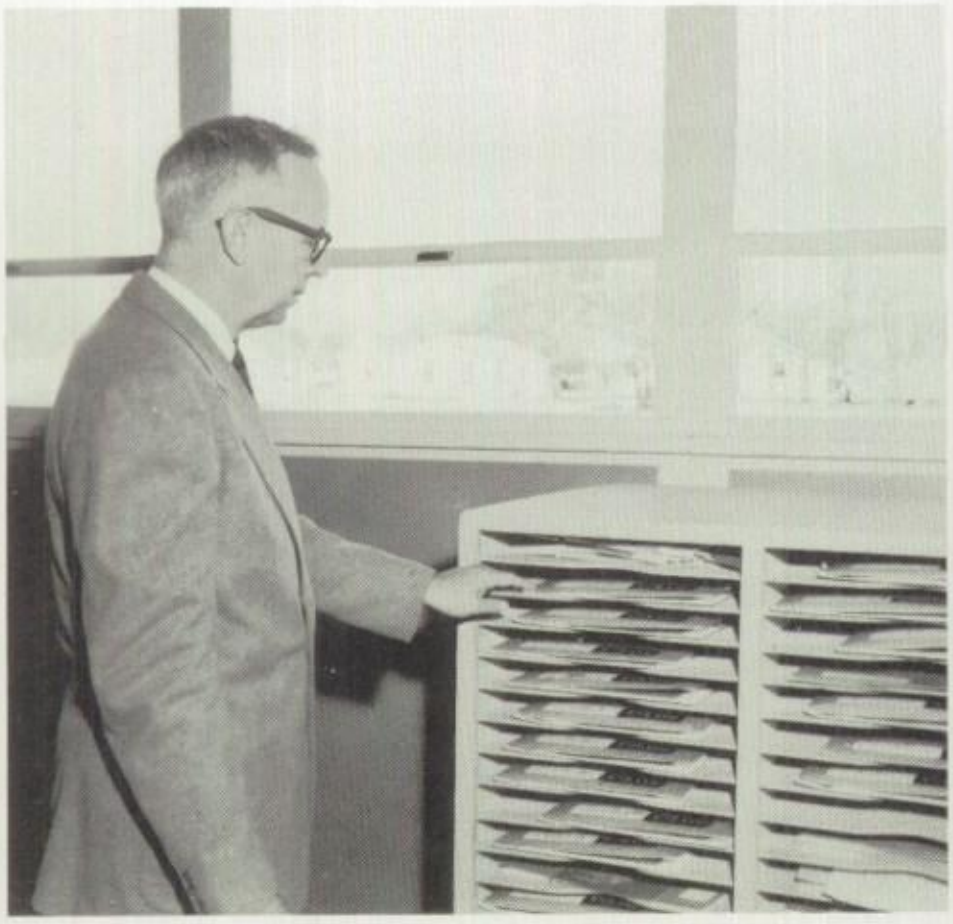
In industrial arts, open to both boys and girls, students are taught how to make everything from foot stools to chest of drawers. All projects completed during the school year are displayed on graduation night.

Carmen Hall continue working on their dresses for home economics knowing they must be done on time.

ALMOST COMPLETED, George Savage puts some finishing touches on his shop project.

MR. ARLEY B. CULBERTSON
B.S., M.S., Kansas State College
Industrial Arts, Drawing
Junior Class Sponsor

In These Various Classes, Notes



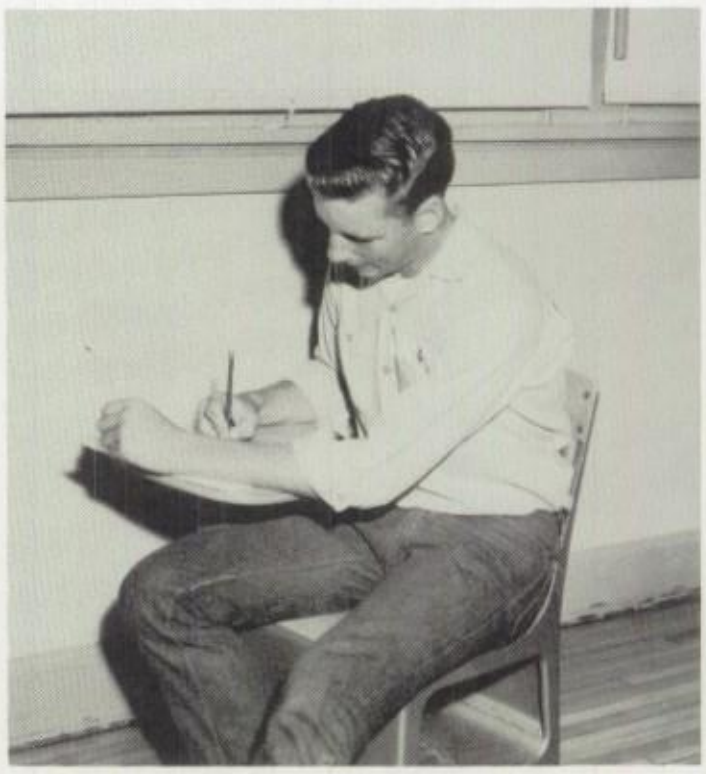
MR. JOHN A. BARNETT
B.S. Southwest Missouri State
M.S. Kansas State College
Band, Boys' Glee Club, Lyrians, Guidance
Junior Class and Student Council Sponsor

MR. ROBERT L. ELDREDGE
B.S., M.S. Kansas State College
Beginning Art, Advanced Art, Spanish I and II
Senior Class and Spanish Club Sponsor

Students often find it necessary to visit the guidance department for special advice, especially when enrolling, and to find out if taking a foreign language would be a college requirement. Two years of Spanish are offered at Riverton to prepare students for their particular needs.

Skill is achieved in the fine arts through the music and art departments. Both of these teach students to enjoy and appreciate artistic creations. In the music department, band, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, mixed chorus, and many other small groups are offered for musical training. Art classes help to improve the appreciation of today's art.

NO TEST IS EASY. Allen McPherson wonders why he volunteered for this difficult test.



ALLEE SERVICE STATION
and BUTTERFIELD'S JEWELRY STORE
Galena, Kansas, and Joplin, Missouri

Nombres, and Numbers Cause Trouble

Students of today prepare for leadership roles. In social science, young minds study the background of the making of our country plus the many functions of the government. In addition to class work, current events are given to keep students posted on world happenings. Term papers prove headaches for everyone near the end of the year with topics from the War of 1812 to atomic energy.

Business courses are necessary to train students for office work as well as for personal use. Bookkeeping, typing, shorthand, and secretarial practice all serve to give a broad knowledge of business training for today's students.

MR. CHARLES SHANKS
B.S., M.S. Kansas State College
American History, American Government, Bookkeeping
Senior Class Sponsor

MISS MARY ANN TALBOT
B.S., M.S. Kansas State College
Typing I and II, Shorthand, Secretarial Practice
Senior Class, Annual, and Pep Club Sponsor

FINGERS FREEZE TO THE KEYS during a timed writing for Marcia Lowther, Richard Umphenour, and Kerry von Wedell.

MR. JOHN DAVIS
B.S., M.S., Kansas State College
Drivers' Education, Physical Education,
Head Coach
Freshman Class Sponsor

ATTENTION, GIRLS—Jimmie Berry, Richard Alsenz, Robert Ryon, and David Gaines give an example of what goes on in the boys' locker room.

Physical Education Builds Strong Bodies for Tomorrow

MRS. EMMA L. LIVINGSTON
B.S., Southwest Missouri State
M.S., Missouri University
Physical Education
Freshman Class Sponsor

Required of all freshmen and open to upperclassmen, physical education brings aching muscles and fun throughout the year. Students in these classes perform at many school programs demonstrating modern gymnastic techniques.

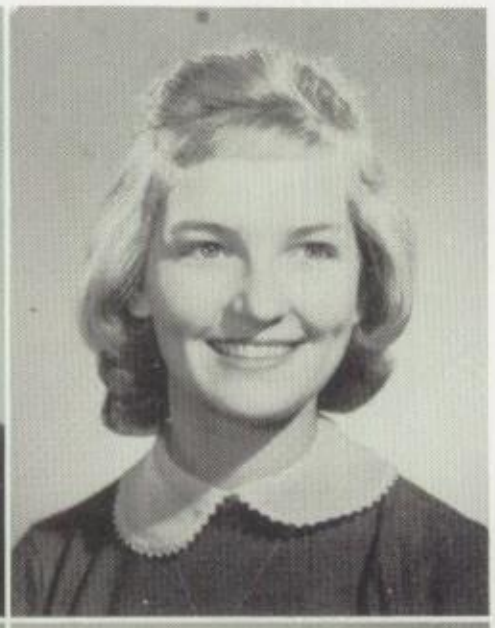
Whether the students are doing co-ordination exercises or participating in some sport, they all realize physical education is improving their bodies for today and strengthening their bodies for tomorrow.

Classes

Selecting, enrolling, grumbling, jabbering,
working—students begin their climb to the top.
The seniors ready to move out into the world;
the juniors ready to take the last leap;
the sophomores preparing to be upperclassmen;
and the freshmen getting orientated
to high school.

Struggling to the Top, Seniors Studied

MUMS FOR HOMECOMING get trimmed and modeled as class officers: Jerry Snider, president; Larry Pitts, vice president; Jo Ann Dyson, secretary; and Judy Hopkins, treasurer, add the finishing touches before they go on sale.



DANNY ANDERSON

Student Council 1, 4, Officer 4; Math Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Band 1, Pep Band 1; Glee Club 1, 2, Lyrians 1, 2; Class Officer 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3; Class Play 4; Citizen of the Month 4; Senior Superlative.

DIANA ANDERSON

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Twirler 1, 2, 3, 4, Instrumental Ensemble 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Class Officer 1, 2; Football Attendant 3; Sweetheart Attendant 1; Rambler Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4; One-Act Play 2, 3.

BOBBY JO BERRY

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 4, Vocal Ensemble 4; Thespians 3, 4, Officer 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, Officer 4; Photo Club 1, 2; Basketball Attendant 3; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4; Young Miss Club 4.

MARY RUTH BERRY

Band 1, 2, 4, Pep Band 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Electron Queen 4; Rambler Staff 4.

Sold, and Snoozed

Members of the graduating class of 1961 studied twelve hard years, some thirteen, to receive a high school diploma. However, being at the top has lasted only a year; soon the seniors will be thrust out into a new world. Here, the struggle to the top will begin once more.

Last year, dignified seniors enrolled in as few subjects as possible, hoping to have plenty of spare time for extra-curricular activities. Spare time was soon forgotten as the seniors began their selling spree to help provide for their trip to Colorado. End-of-school activities brought finishing touches to a memorable year for this class.

On graduation night, there were many sniffles heard as members of the class marched down the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance." At last, the seniors are through building their lives in high school and are ready to start building for the future in a new world.

MAGAZINES ARE EDUCATIONAL as well as relaxing during study hall for Larry Martin.

WAYNE BOLIN

Band 1, 2, 3, Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Lyrians 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3.

BUD BOOTH

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, Lyrians 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Weight Lifting 3, 4; Class Officer 1; Electron Staff 4; Senior Superlative.

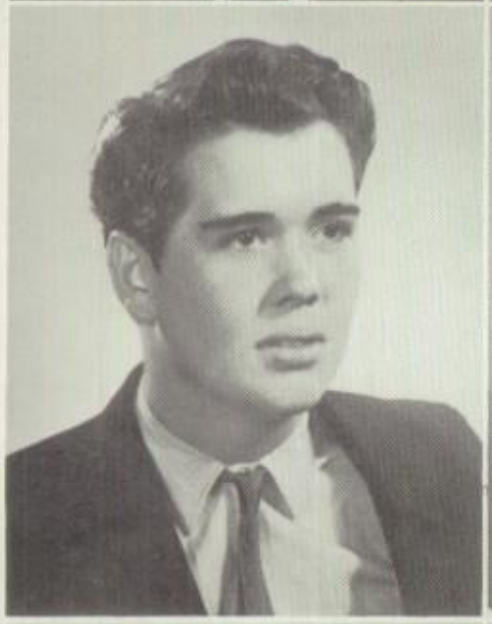
BETTY BURNHAM

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4.

DENNIS CATES

Student Council 2, 3, 4, Representative at Large 4; Boys' State Delegate 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Math Club 4; Class Officer 1; R.Y.O. 4; Class Play 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Football Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Citizen of Month 3, 4; Senior Superlative.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOPPE
and PIGGLY WIGGLY
Galena, Kansas



JUDY CUNNINGHAM

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Math Club 3; Spanish Club 3, 4, Officer 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 2, 3; F.T.A. 3; R.Y.O. 4; Photo Club 2, 3; Science Club 3; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Class Play 4.

JO ANN DYSON

Band 1, 2, 4, Pep Band 4, Officer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 4, Vocal Ensemble 4; Class Officer 4; Sweetheart Attendant 2; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Thespians 3, 4; R.Y.O. 4, Officer 4; Class Plays 3, 4; Senior Superlative.

BYRON ELSTEN

F.F.A. 3, 4, Officer 3, 4, Judging Teams 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 2, 3; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Senior Superlative.

Arrival of Pictures,

JANIE FANCHER

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 1, 2, 3, 4, Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, Officer 2; R.Y.O. 4.

OWEN FORSHEY

Rambler Staff 4.

SHARON HILTON

Band 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, Officer 2, 3; Football Attendant 4; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; R.Y.O. 4; Class Plays 3, 4; Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow 4.

JUDY HOPKINS

Transferred from Baxter Springs 2; Band 2, 3, 4, Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 4; Student Council 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4, Officer 4; F.T.A. 3; R.Y.O. 4; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Basketball Queen 4.

RICHARD KARSTEN

Glee Club 1, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Electron King 4.

GALENA TILE AND FLOOR COVERING
and McCANN'S DAIRY DREAM
Galena, Kansas

MONEY FOR A NEEDY CAUSE—the senior class treasury! Joan Stark, Mary Ruth Berry, Diana Anderson, and Jack Sofia display fund-raising projects for the basketball queen contest.

Announcements, and Gowns Create Excitement

LARRY MARTIN

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3; Rambler Staff 4.

EVELYN NEWCOMB

F.T.A. 3; Girls' State Alternate 3; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Riverton Girl of the Month 4; Senior Superlative.

ROBERT OUTT

Weight Lifting 3, 4.

LARRY PITTS

Transferred from McLean, Virginia 2; Student Council 3, 4; Boys' State Alternate 3; Class Officer 4; F.F.A. 3, 4, Officer 4; Thespians 3, 4, Officer 4; Math Club 3, 4, Officer 3, 4 Rambler Staff 4; Basketball Manager 3; R.Y.O. 4, Officer 4; Class Play 3; One-Act Play 3.

CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY COMPANY
Treece, Kansas

MARY FRANCES READ

Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4.

JEAN ROACH

Student Council 3, 4, Officer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 4, Vocal Ensemble 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Thespians 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Math Club 3, 4, Officer 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 2, 3, 4, District V Secretary 4; F.T.A. 3; Girls' State Delegate 3; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Photo Club 2, 3, Officer 2, 3; Class Play 3, 4; One-Act Play 4; Science Club 3; Young Miss Club 4; Riverton Girl of the Month 4; Senior Superlative.

Class Day and Graduation Night Brings Tear-Soaked

JAMES ROBINSON

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Lyrians 1; R.Y.O. 4, Officer 4; Football 1, 2.

GEORGE SAVAGE

Glee Club 1, 2; Lyrians 1, 2; Rambler Staff 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Baseball 2, 3.

JERRY SNIDER

Transferred from Coffeyville 3; Student Council 4; Thespians 3, 4, Best Thespian 4; Spanish Club 3, Officer 3; F.T.A. 4, Officer 4; Class Officer 4; Electron Staff 4; R.Y.O. 4, Officer 4; Class Play 3, 4; One-Act Play 3, 4; Basketball Manager 3.

JACK SOFIA

Transferred from Galena 3.

JANIE STARINA

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Twirler 1, 2, 3, Drum Major 4, Instrumental Ensemble 1, 4, All-State Lions Club Band 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 1, 2, 3, 4, Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Electron Attendant 3; Pep Club 1; Thespians 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Rambler Staff 4; R.Y.O. 4; Class Play 3, 4; One-Act Play 2.

JOAN STARK

Band 1, 2, 3, Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Lyrians 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 4, Cheerleader 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4, Officer 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, Officer 2; Football Attendant 2, 4; Class Officer 3; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4; One-Act Play 2.

Handkerchiefs

JOE STURGIS

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 4; Weight Lifting 4; Science Club 1; Rambler Staff 4.

DORCIE TASH

Baseball 1, 2, 3; Weight Lifting 3; Public Relations Committee 4; Rambler Staff 4; Electron Staff 4.

RICHARD UMPHENOUR

Glee Club 1, 2, Lyrians 1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Judging Team 2, 3, 4; Electron Attendant 2; Football 4; Basketball 3, 4; Class Play 4.

MARJORIE WATSON

Rambler Staff 4.

ARTHUR WHEELER

Transferred from Galena 3; Band 3, 4, Dance Band 3; Track 3.

GARY WILSON

Band 1, 2, 3, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, Dance Band 2, 3, Instrumental Ensemble 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Lyrians 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2, 4; Class Officer 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Electron Attendant 3; Class Play 3, One-Act Play 3.

Juniors Boast Now That

MAGAZINES INTEREST junior class officers: Morton Livingston Jr., secretary; Allen McPherson, president; Gary Scott, vice president; and Patty Patton, treasurer, after their first fund-raising project.

Myrna Abbott
Cheryl Alleger

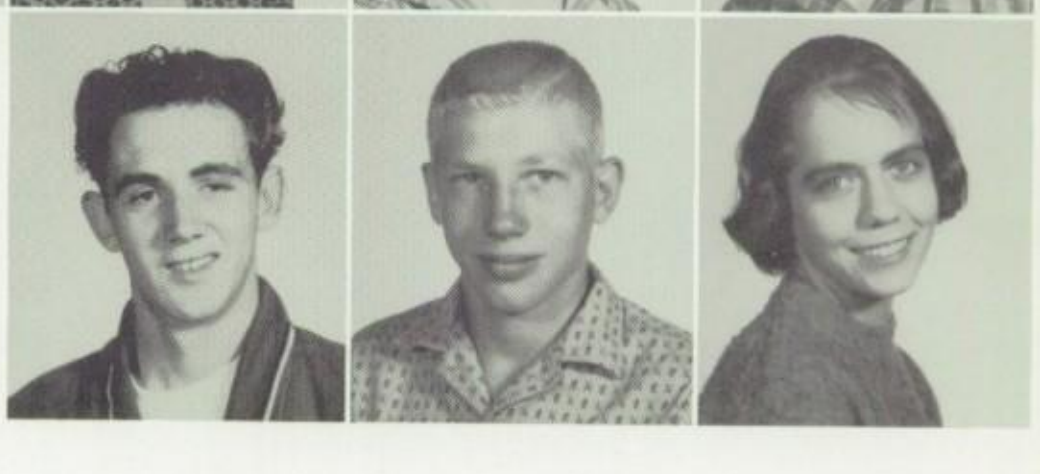
Richard Alsenz
Martha Barr
Jimmie Berry

They Are Upperclassmen

Gary Bilke
Frank Burris
Pauline Casey
Cheryl Clark

DeWayne Combs
Judy Cossairt
Janet Craig
Johnny Day

Jerry Delmont
Danny Eiland
Judy Ficke



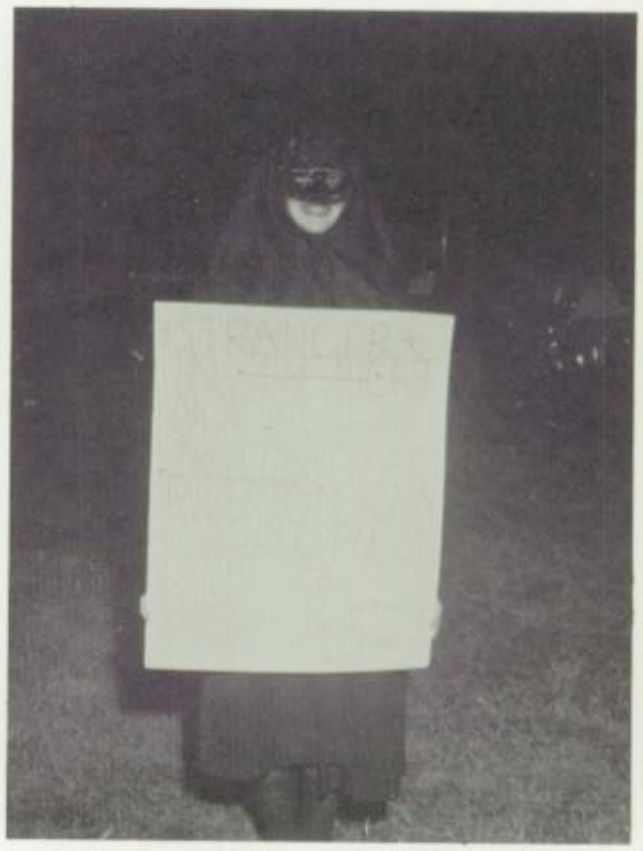
Enrollment day saw sixty-three juniors returning to claim their long awaited position as upperclassmen. With two years behind them, they eagerly awaited the challenges offered by this year and prepared for their last step to the top rank.

After changing their schedules to include such subjects as chemistry, English, home economics, and shorthand, they soon learned this year meant all work and little play. Then, there was the big project of raising money in addition to struggling in class. Various ways of making money during the year were: selling magazines, presenting the play, "Stranger In The Night," and giving bake sales.

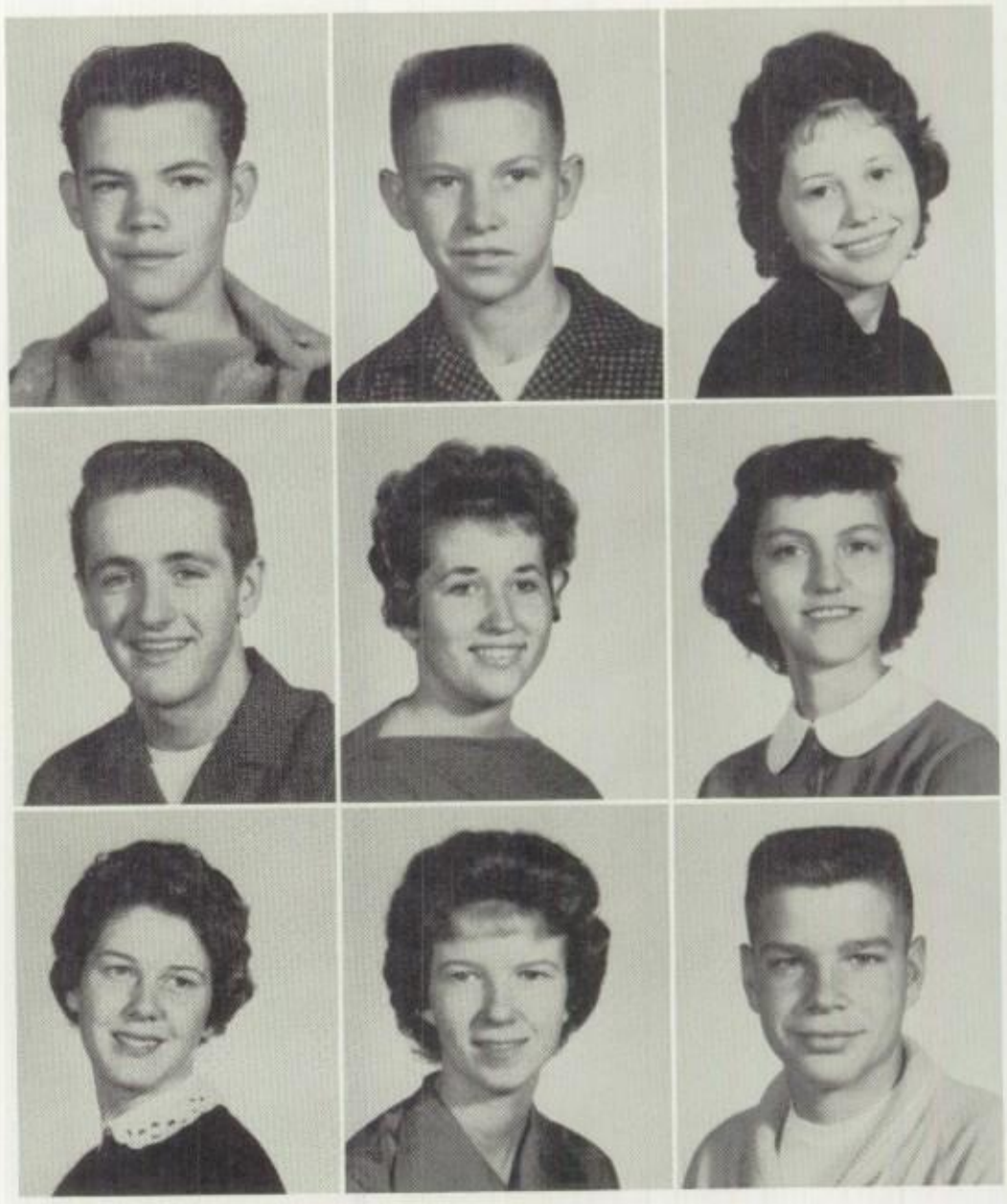
Juniors, being the largest class, participated in many organizations. Pep Club, Thespians, and Student Council were just a few. Many of the boys also received honors in vocational agriculture and sports.

Near the end of the year came the most exciting highlight —the Junior-Senior Banquet. As a farewell to the seniors, they served as ushers graduation night.

ADVERTISER, Sandra Inman, truly depicts a "Stranger In The Night" before the junior's grand performance of their class play.



DERFELT FUNERAL HOME
and DOYLE'S OFFICE SUPPLY
Galena, Kansas

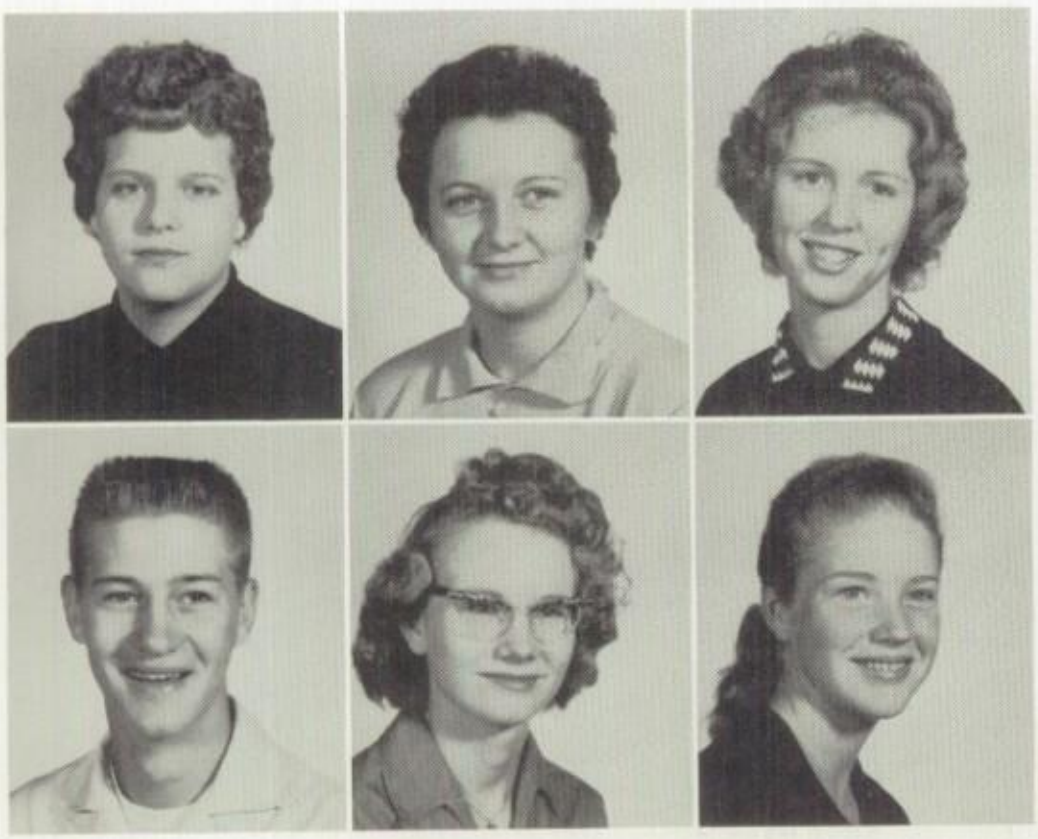


Terry Fitch
Clarence Fitzpatrick
Mary Forson

David Gaines
Sandra Gipson
Carol Green

Marcia Grimes
Edna Hale
Bennie Haner

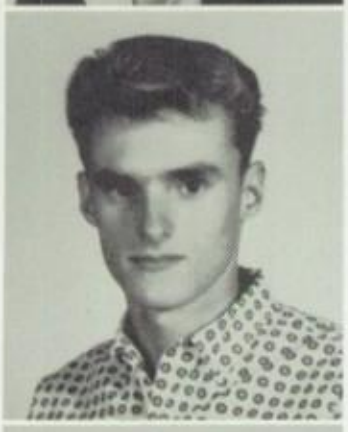
Banquet Plans, Class Play, and Rings



Bessie Haner
Zandra Hansford
Sally Hey

Jim Holman
Mildred Hubbard
Sandra Inman

Eugenia Ipock



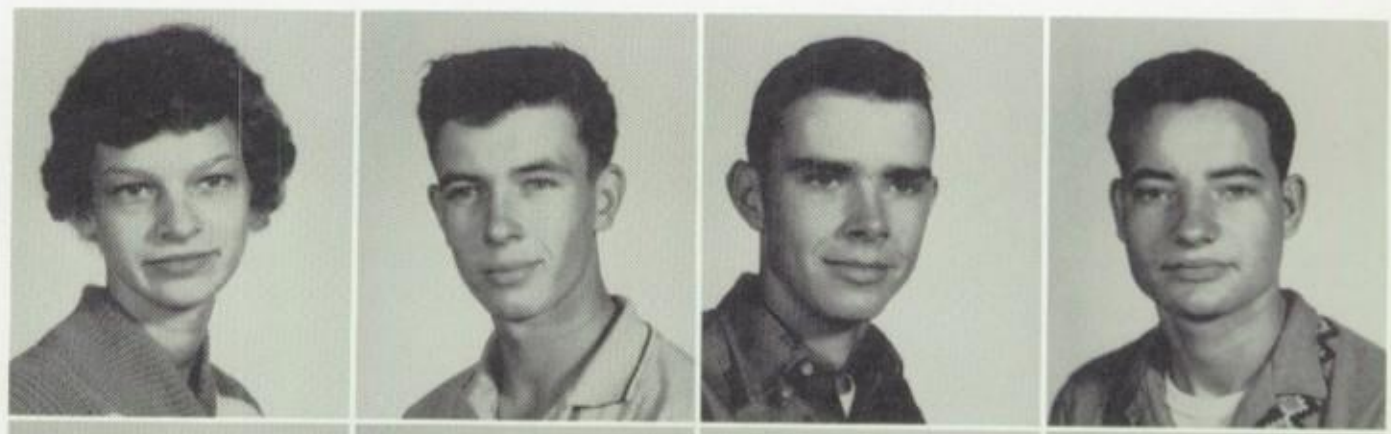
Wayne Ipock

Bobby Jones

WITCHCRAFT AND COMPETITION add to the excitement of Halloween and typing for first-year typing students, Carol Green and Cheryl Alleger.

Add to the Year's Excitement

Gaye Jones
Jerry Jones
Larry King
Tommy Lewis



Morton Livingston Jr.
Marilyn Mason
Mary McCallister
Carolyn McCracken

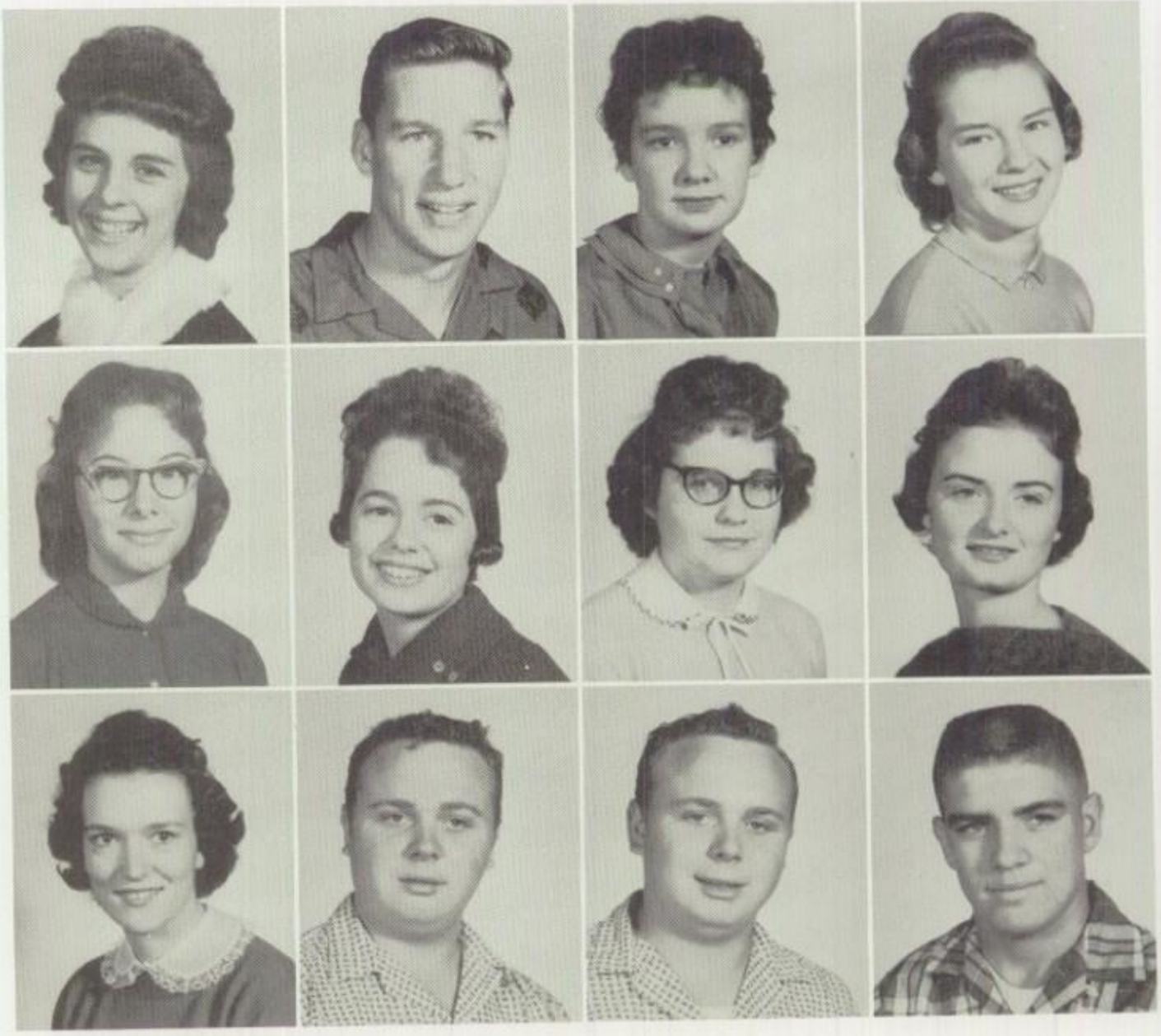
Largest Class

COLD, BUT CHEERFUL, Mary McCallister and Mary Lou Outt sell Peggy Mitchell a delicious candy bar at a freezing football game.

Neville McDonald
Allen McPherson
Peggy Mitchell
Margaret Mock

Mary Lou Outt
Patty Patton
Mildred Phillips
Carla Powell

Doris Qualls
Dean Rion
Gene Rion
Charles Rogers



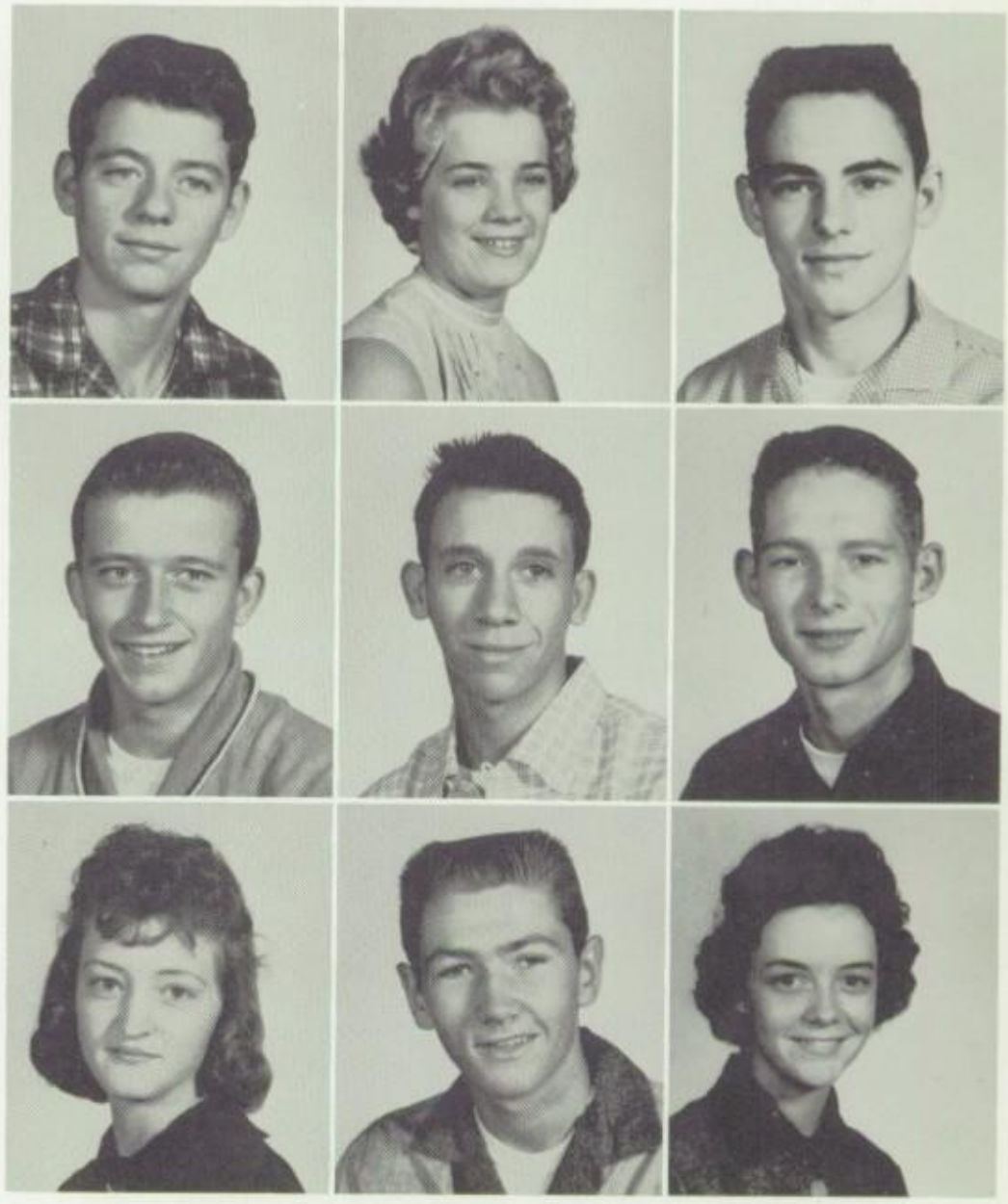
GALENA GREENHOUSE AND FLORAL
and KITCH MORTUARY
Galena, Kansas

Prepares for Their Final Year at R.H.S.

Robert Ryon
Shirley Schrup
Gary Scott

Steven Shafer
Larry Sofia
Richard Swaim Jr.

Donna Tash
Danny Tennis
Sharon Thornton



HEADS OF WHEAT are examined by junior vocational agriculture students, Charles Rogers and Steven Shafer.

ANXIOUS FOR THE VERDICT, sophomore class officers: Barbara Alsenz, treasurer; Sue Wittenmyer, secretary; Hence Sneed, vice president; and Danny Rawlins, president, watch Miss Newell, county health nurse, check their tuberculin and histoplasmosis tests.

Young at Heart

Another step toward the top, the sophomores of R.H.S. entered school this year with a feeling of belonging. This group felt like old experienced hands when initiation day arrived for the freshmen.

Sophomores gained recognition by furnishing members of their class for band, honor roll, speech events, and many club activities.

Near the end of the year, the "Class of 1963" rushed around to attend final class farewells. Next September when school begins, they will be juniors—upperclassmen at last!

Barbara Alsenz
Marilyn Baker

Loy Dean Ball
Douglas Baysinger
Myra Brown

Vernon Brown
Karen Sue Cates
Pat Coach

Yelled at Pep Assemblies, Skipped Classes, and Studied Occasionally

Harold Cooper
Neola Dame

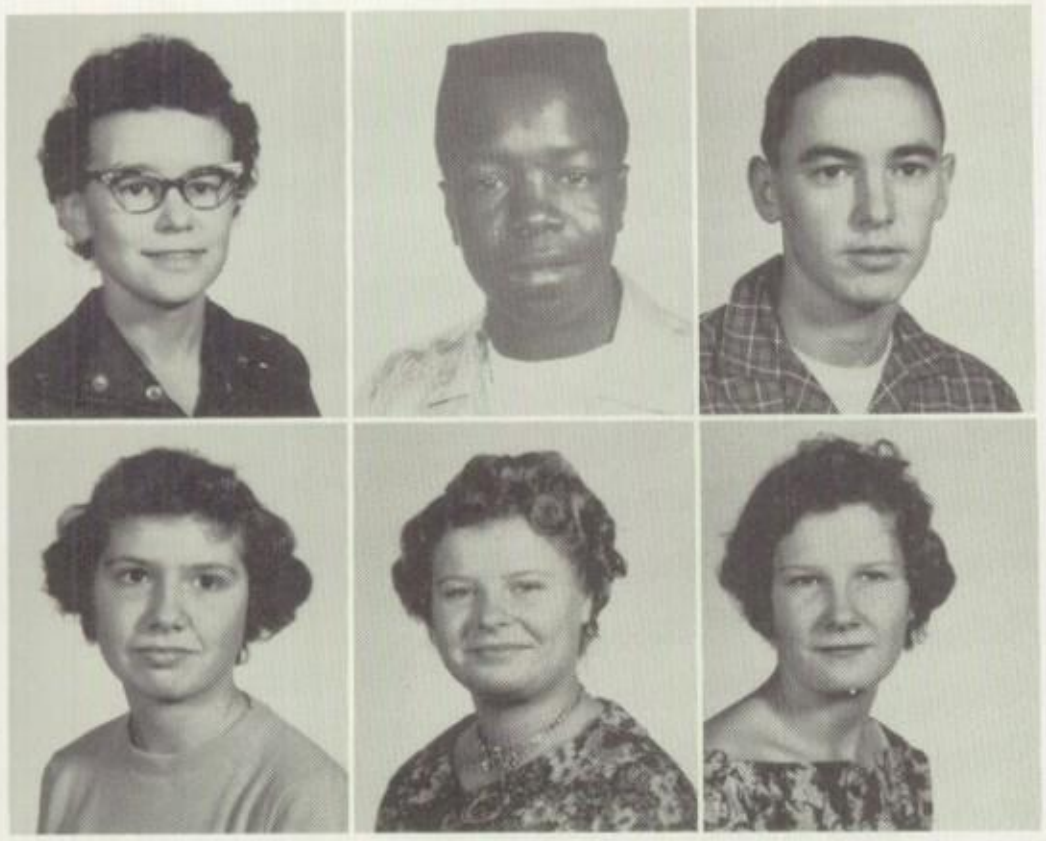
Gail Day
Max Drake

Rosalie Eckler
Lesta Garber
Melvin Hall
Buster Hopkins

Kay Hubbard
Mike Lamb
Barbara Lewis
Mary Kay Livingston

Fred Lowe
Marcia Lowther
Galen Marsh
Linda McPherson

FEEZELL'S MARKET
and RUSH'S JEWELRY
Galena, Kansas

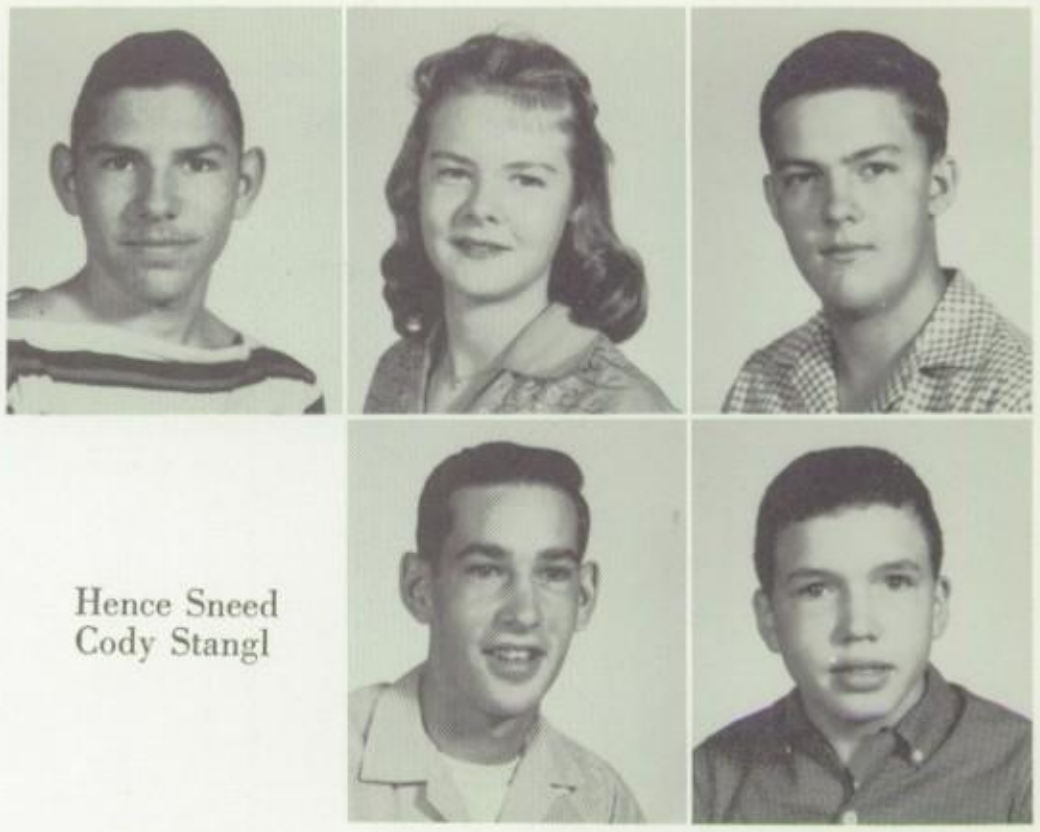


Dea Messer
James Moore
Johnny Murray

Lottie Phillips
Charlotte Radar
Janet Radar

Today a Sophomore–

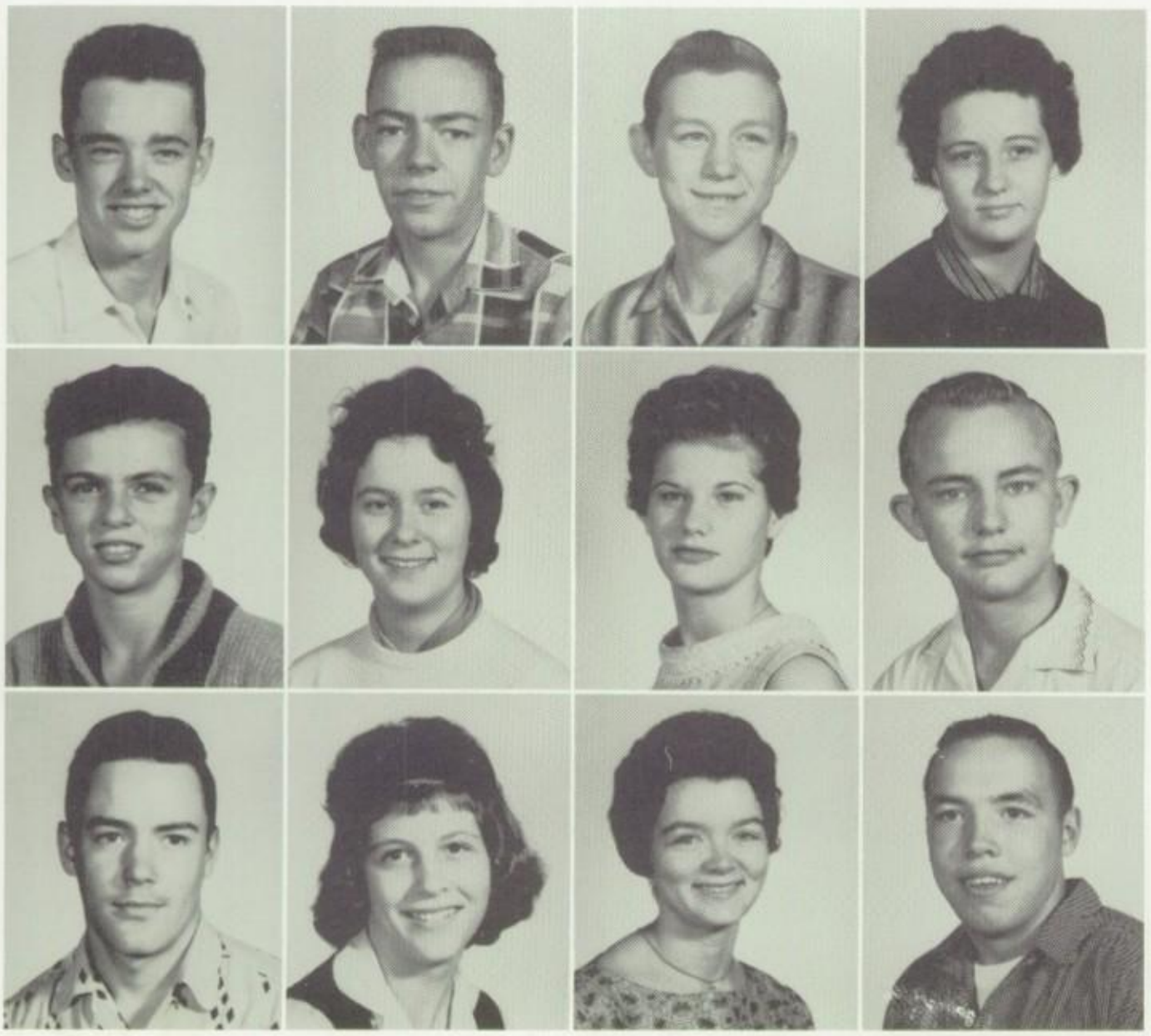
BUSY AS BEES Clydene Worley, Myra Brown, and Pat Coach wrap presents for the children at the Parsons' State Hospital and Training Center for retarded children.



Danny Rawlins
Gayle Ray
Chris Shetley

Hence Sneed
Cody Stangl

Tomorrow a Junior



Mike Sumpter
Sid Sutherland
Audie Tash
Diana Thornton

Fred Tillis
Kerry von Wedell
Connie Wade
Herbert Wade

Jerry Walker
Sue Wittenmyer
Clydene Worley
Billy Youngblood

HIDE AND SEEK proves interesting for the freshman class officers. FRONT ROW: Nancy Wellman, reporter, and Carmen Hall, secretary-treasurer. BACK ROW: Tommy Wooten, president, and Cheryl Potter, vice president.

New Students

In high school at last! Freshmen invaded the peace and quiet of the older students by rushing through the halls, giggling in their classes, and amazing everyone with their unending source of energy. Quickly fifty-two freshmen found their place in high school.

Much to the dismay of the freshmen, initation day arrived. Girls, clad in men's trousers and t-shirts, and boys, dressed in can-cans and onion necklaces, barely managed to live through the grueling experience; but all returned to school with smiles and friendly dispositions.

English, math, and physical education were taken by all freshmen. Most students chose science, home economics, industrial arts, or vocational agriculture as their electives.

Yes, the excitement and thrill of high school at Riverton will stand out in the minds of the "Class of 1964." Next fall this class will be eager to return as sophomores and make their mark in high school.

Michael Alleger
Neal Anderson
Belinda Andrews
Peggy Baker

Jean Barnett
Freddie Bolin
Beverly Carnahan
Myrna Channel

Orlena Channel
Fay Combs
Danny Cooper
Carol Delmont

Slowly Learn "Tricks of the Trade"

David Dobkins

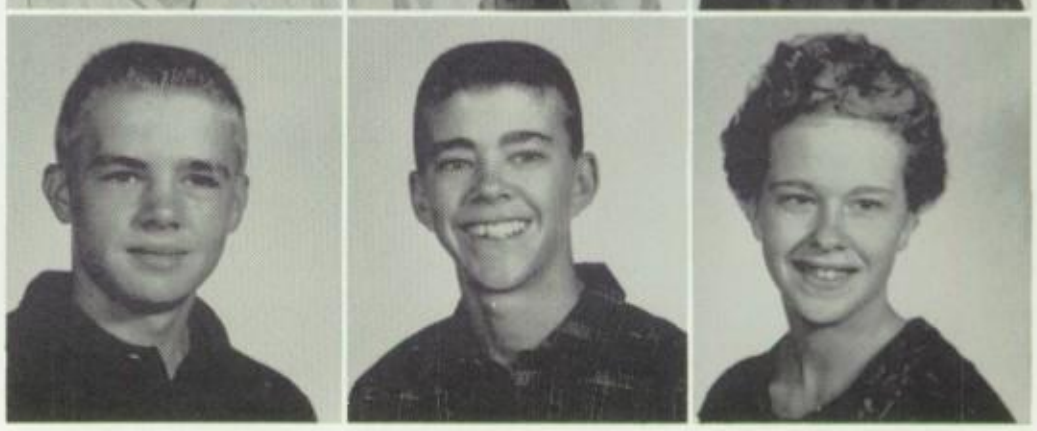
Gleneda Ellis
Judy Ellis
Sherry Fitch

Richard French
Richard Garner
Terry Gilmore

Carmen Hall
Ronald Harley
Norma Sue Hayward

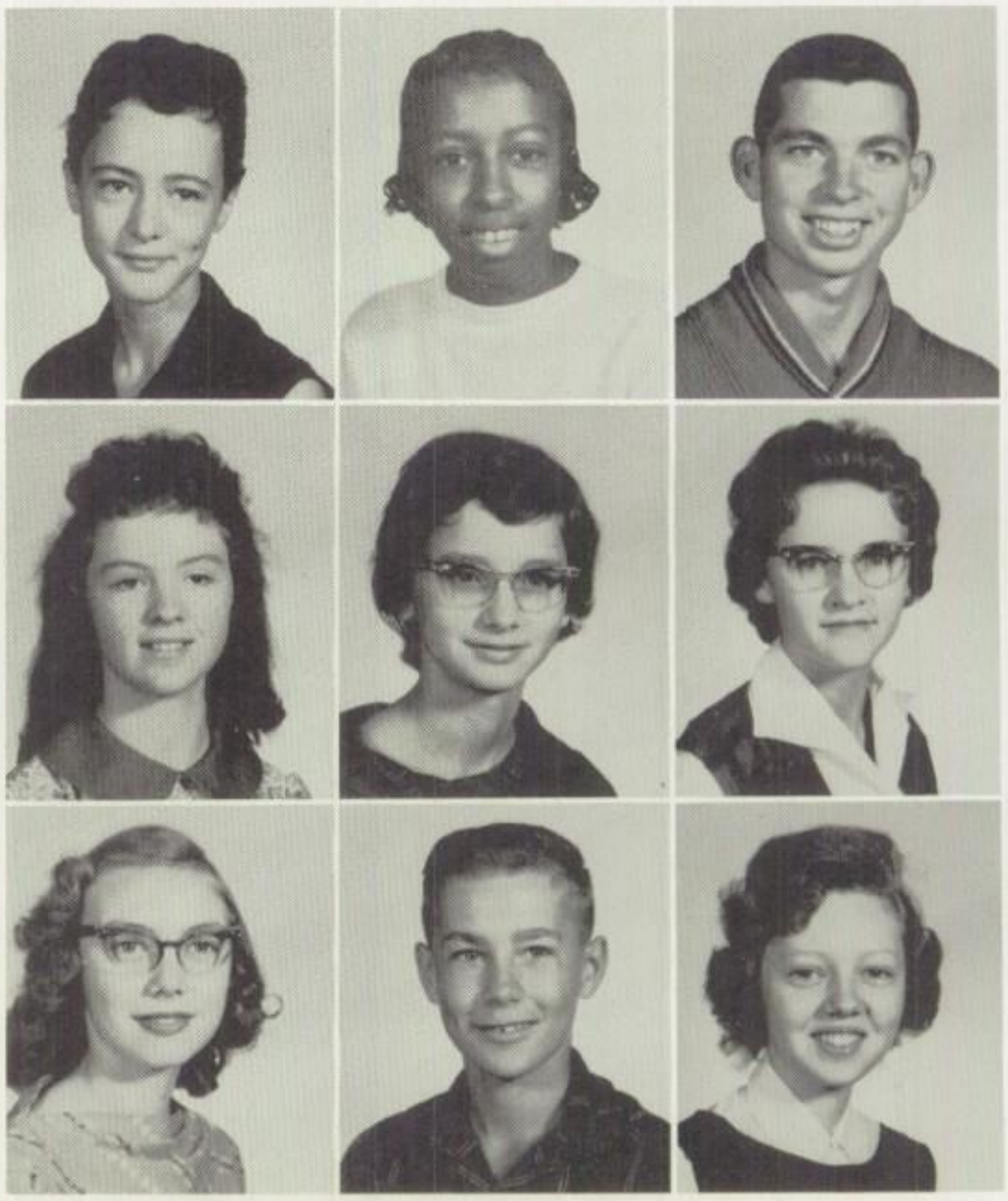
Charles Hopkins
Daphene Hopkins
April Ipock

Keith Karsten
Richard Kirk
Yvonne Lengquist



Felix Livingston
Kay McCracken
Harlen McDonald
Judy McGeary

Yearning to Be Sophomores,



Ann Mishler
Jessetta Moore
Charles Paxson

Earlene Pliler
Elizabeth Pointer
Cheryl Potter

Mary Pulley
Ronnie Ray
Theresa Roach

"CHIN UP, chest out, take a deep breath and hold it!" One of the technicians helps Felix Livingston prepare for his chest X-ray.

Freshmen Break Into Routine

Creed Robinson
Keith Rowland
Sharon Scott
Johnnie Simpson

Shirley Smith
Carol Swaim
Eva Venturella
Steve Wade

Kathy Walkenshaw
James Watkins
Nancy Wellman
Tommy Wooten

As the Doors Close . . .

Building for the school year of 1960-61 is completed; however, time goes on and we must continue building for the future. The Electron Staff hopes that they have succeeded in recording in words and pictures the past year at Riverton High School, which has been one of great growth for both the school and students.

With due appreciation, the 1960-61 Electron Staff would like to thank the many people who put their time and effort in preparing the yearbook. The staff would also like to thank the advertisers who helped in financing this book.

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Galena Builders Supply
G and G Beauty Shop
Hardwick Insurance Agency
Howard Litch Garage
Mac's Cleaners
Price and Faringer Pittsburgh Paints
Vogel Variety
Walton's Service Station

COLUMBUS

Columbus Drive-In
Dorothy's Columbus Studio
First National Bank
Hurst Home and Auto Supply
Powell Drugs
Roy Ingamells Brown Furniture and Appliance
Rummer Upholstery
Tyler Hardware
Winter Insurance Agency

RIVERTON

Riverton Dairy Creme
Riverton Grocery
Lora Williams Grocery
Van's Service Station

JOPLIN

Four-State Karting Association
Jamison Drugs
Joe Harding, Inc.
Wilders's Restaurant

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